

Hartford Bridge Club  
Board of Trustees' Meeting  
December 20, 2022

Called to order at 1:33 pm. Present John Willoughby, Ben Bishop, Ann Lohrand, Eric Vogel, Mike Wavada, Nancy Calderbank, Rob Stillman, Diane Tracy, Donna Feir. Also, Linda Starr, John Dinius and Sally Kirtley.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the November 15<sup>th</sup> were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The cash balance is \$97,187.97. Virtual game total was 150 tables and in person club games 253, for a grand total of 403 tables for November. The revenues for the month were very close to break even, probably due to the \$1 increase in game fees along with some contributions. We are still aiming for a membership number of 400.

Manager's Report: Donna reported the renewal of members is up to 344. Members had until November 30 to renew, after that date their game fees will be \$12. The Board approved the expenditure for a dinner for the Directors.

Old Business:

- Membership drive – a list of members that have not renewed their membership will be distributed to the board. We will attempt to contact them personally in an attempt to increase our numbers. Please keep John informed of who you have contacted so that we do not duplicate our efforts.
- Lease committee – nothing new to report at this time.
- Planning Committee – proposed an idea of a rolling annual calendar including club special events, club championships, national or regional qualification games, annual meeting, club sponsored sectional tournaments, charity events, educational programs and other club special events.
- Limit Tournament at the club is planned for March 26, 2023.

New Business

- ACBL fee changes – Sally explained the increases being imposed by the ACBL, 10 cents per table for in person games. She also informed the board of issues with the game registration system.
- Investment alternatives were discussed. The Board approved the acquisition of 3 Treasury Bills of \$25,000 each with a 3-month, 6-month and 9-month maturity.
- Beginner lessons will be given again in the spring, more info to follow.
- The idea of a Bracketed Swiss game is still being discussed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17 @1:30

Meeting adjourned 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lohrand