

Hartford Bridge Club
Board of Trustees' Meeting
November 15, 2022

Called to order at 1:33 pm. Present John Willoughby, Ben Bishop, Eric Vogel, Ann Lohrand, Carole Amaio, Bill Wininger, Nancy Calderbank, Rob Stillman, Diane Tracy, Donna Feir. Also, Linda Starr.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of October 18 were approved. The minutes of the annual meeting were reviewed and will be presented at next year's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The cash balance is \$ 97,653.06. Virtual game total was 137 tables and in person club games 245, for a grand total of 382 tables for October. Donations (\$7,204.53) and lesson fee income (\$1662) were included. In house table games increased \$1 per person beginning October 1st.

Manager's Report: Donna reported the renewal of members is up to 319. Members have until November 30 to renew, after that date their game fees will be \$12. Donna thanked Ben for purchasing and installing the new computer. She also reviewed the new schedule of in-house games.

Old Business:

- Annual meeting – feedback has been positive. The Zoom meeting worked well for members who could not attend in person.
- Lease committee – nothing new to report at this time.
- Education Committee updates – John Calderbank and Mary Sullivan have reported the start of the Mentor/Mentee program. The Hi Lo game is a great asset for this program with many participants taking advantage of this opportunity to play in a sanctioned game.

New Business

- Spending limits for the manager and officers – The limit for emergency spending is \$500 for the manager and officers. Larger expenses would have to be approved by the Board.
- Limit tournament at the club – this idea was discussed. We are permitted to run a Sectional at the club. More discussion to follow.
- Covid vaccination requirement will continue. The Board will continue to monitor advice from the CDC.
- Compliance/Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all board members and the manager.
- *Kibitzer* publicity – we should share our club news whenever and wherever we can.
- Investment of our money will be reviewed by the finance committee.
- Linda Starr shared some ideas on possible ways to increase club game attendance. She asked the Board to approve a New Year's Eve game in the afternoon of December 31. The game will include pot luck appetizers and a champagne toast. The Board approved. She also presented an idea of finding a partner get together, a la speed dating. More discussion to follow.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 20 @1:30

Meeting adjourned 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lohrand