

Hartford Bridge Club  
Board of Trustees' Meeting  
August 23, 2022

Called to order at 1:32 pm. Present: Felix Springer, John Willoughby, Ann Lohrand, Trevor Reeves, Carole Amaio, Bill Winniger, Ben Bishop, Nancy Calderbank, Mike Wavada, Donna Feir. Also, Sally Kirtley, Linda Starr and John Dinius.

Felix called the meeting to order and then handed the gavel to John Willoughby to run the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of July 26 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The cash balance is \$ 97,697.07. Virtual game total was 125 tables and in person club games 198, for a grand total of 323 tables for July. It should be noted that the Nationals were held during July.. The net loss for the month was \$3,653.

Manager's Report: Donna reported that the bee infestation has been dealt with. There is a discrepancy in membership numbers between Donna and Trevor, they will work on this for the next meeting. It is membership renewal time, let's push to keep the numbers up.

Old Business:

- Lease committee – Ben is forming the committee and will have a report for the September meeting.
- Annual meeting will be held at the club on October 23. The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration has again been postponed for another year.
- Nominating committee has met and has a slate prepared to present at the annual meeting. Members will be able to cast ballots on line as well as in person at the meeting.
- Educational Initiatives – Laurie Robbins will be presenting 6 lessons on various conventions. Beginner classes will be presented on September 10 and 17, presently 20 people have registered. An Education Committee should be formed to continue our mission.
- Membership drive and dues – A motion was made, seconded and approved (7/1) to increase dues to \$40. A second motion was made, seconded and approved to raise in-house table fees to \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. These increases will take place as of October 1, 2023.
- Game Schedule – A Monday morning open game will be offered soon, therefore the afternoon limited game time will have to be adjusted.
- Felix and Trevor have prepared a grant application to the Town of West Hartford asking for relief from our losing money during and since the shutdown. Stay tuned!
- Planning Committee presented a report to the Board detailing questionnaires for both the Mentor and Mentee.
- Public Relations – we are now on Facebook!
- Special Events – Joel Wolfe has offered to present lessons (similar to Mark Smith) on Tuesdays with a dinner. More info to follow.

New Business:

- none

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 13 @1:30

Meeting adjourned 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lohrand