

Hartford Bridge Club
Board of Trustees' Meeting,
November 9, 2021

Called to order at 1:30 pm. Present: Felix Springer, John Willoughby, Ann Lohrand, Trevor Reeves, Carole Amaio, Roger Pikor, Bill Winniger, Ben Bishop, Nancy Calderbank, Mike Wavada, Donna Feir. Also, Linda Starr, Sally Kirtley Pat Salve, Tom Joyce and John Dinius.

Felix called the meeting to order, welcoming the new Board members. He commented that we should be aware that the club membership is down from a pre pandemic high of 528 to currently 328. Our expenses are currently running \$2,000 over our income on a monthly basis. We need to increase membership and table numbers. This will be our main goal.

Policy Committee – presented 5 recommendations for the Board's consideration.

- Motion – The By-Laws should reflect that a game director may serve on the Board, with a limit of one per year. Approved
- Motion – The Board delegates the club manager to determine the game schedule. Approved (5/3 - 2abs.)
- Motion – The By-Laws should change the requirement of 3 past presidents to 2 to serve on the nominating committee. Approved
- The committee recommended that the board develop rules in regards to check signing authority and spending authority. This will be sent to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

Secretary's Report: Accepted. A draft of the annual meeting minutes was presented for review.

Treasurer's Report: The cash balance is \$ 94,436. Virtual game total was 263 tables and in club games 206, for a grand total of 469 tables for October, a slight increase from September. Trevor reiterated the concern that the club is losing approximately \$2,000 each month. Our financial plan was based on a membership of 400.

Manager's Report: Donna reported that 328 members have renewed their membership. Reminders will be sent to members who have not renewed. Any member who does not renew by December 1 will not be a member in good standing and will be charged \$10 for an in-person game.

Old Business:

- Educational Initiatives – Laurie Robbins and Bill Watson will offer a 6-session class, using Zoom and Shark Bridge. The course is aimed for the 0 – 300 player. The cost will be \$15 a class or \$80 for all six classes. These lessons are postponed until 2022.
- Covid-19 Assessment, Vendor review and outreach – tabled to next month

New Business:

- Planning Committee has been formed with John Willoughby as chair. The committee will be charged with developing a succession plan for the club. This plan will cover the idea of what will be required if the need for a new club manager arises. The committee will consider a plan to develop a way to get additional game directors. The committee will also consider treasurer skills needed for that officer.
- Education Initiative – Felix presented a plan for a two-lesson introduction to bridge class presented at the club on December 4 and 11. The Board approved this idea of free lessons with the hope of building our membership and interest in the game.

Conflict of interest form will be sent to each board member for their signature via email.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 14 @ 1:30.

Meeting adjourned 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lohrand