

Hartford Bridge Club
Board of Trustees' Special Meeting, via Zoom
February 10, 2022

Called to order at 2:15 pm. Present: Felix Springer, John Willoughby, Trevor Reeves, Carole Amaio, Roger Pikor, Bill Winniger, Ben Bishop, Mike Wavada. Also, Linda Starr, Sally Kirtley.

Felix called the meeting to order. He stated that the sole purpose of the meeting was whether to drop the club's mask mandate in light of West Hartford's recent action this week in dropping its mask mandate and a declining positivity rate. A spirited discussion occurred in which various views were presented. Nancy Calderbank, although unable to attend the meeting, indicated a preference for the club dropping its mask mandate. Roger Pikor needed to leave the meeting early after expressing his views but before the vote. A vote was taken with four in favor of the mandate being removed, one opposed, and one abstention. Masks were to be optional at the club with one exception that if a player requested masks be worn at the table, everyone will be required to wear a mask. The new policy was to go in effect the next day and Linda Starr was asked to issue an email to members announcing the new policy.

The text of the email that issued later that day is below.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Felix Springer

At midnight on Wednesday, the Town of West Hartford lifted its mandate requiring that masks be worn in all public venues in town. The Hartford Bridge Club, therefore, will no longer require that masks be worn at the club.

Beginning tomorrow, February 11, masks will be optional at the club -- with one exception. If a player requests that masks be worn at his or her table, then everyone will be required to wear a mask while at that table. We expect that everyone will be respectful of other players' decisions to wear a mask or to ask others to wear a mask at their table. Masks are available at the club for those who need one.