

Hartford Bridge Club
Board of Trustees' Meeting, via Zoom
March 15, 2022

Called to order at 2:15 pm. Present: Felix Springer, John Willoughby, Ann Lohrand, Carole Amaio, Roger Pikor, Bill Winniger, Ben Bishop, Nancy Calderbank, Mike Wavada, Donna Feir. Also, John Dinius, Sally Kirtley and Linda Starr

Felix called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of February 1 and 10 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by John Dinius. The cash balance is \$ 96,269.71. Virtual game total was 306 tables and in person club games 134.5, for a grand total of 440.5 tables for February. Net loss for the month was \$1504. We need to increase attendance to cover expenses.

Manager's Report: Donna reported that membership was 400.

Old Business:

- Educational Initiatives –on Thursday afternoons there will be an assisted play for the players coming from the beginner classes. Volunteers are welcome to help as table helpers.
- Covid-19 Assessment – status quo for now.
- Game schedule- motion was made and passed to increase the game fee for Tuesday evening games to \$7.
- Property tax appeal – Felix and Donna presented our appeal at the tax hearing on March 15. A response will follow.
- Planning Committee Report was presented
 - Swiss games will continue with the idea of Regular, 8 is enough, and Bracketed games alternated on a monthly basis.
 - Partnership coordination for the limited games (Monday 2pm, Tuesday 7pm, and Wednesday 2pm) will continue.
 - Mentor/Mentee program proposal will be presented next month.
 - Succession planning postponed.
 - Calendar – a monthly calendar with all club events listed was recommended.

New Business:

- Alliance possibilities – the HBC has been approached by 7Nt World Alliance to join their group. A discussion followed and it was agreed that we not join at the present time.
- Special events Planning/Celebration/Food – The idea of a “Welcome Back to the Club” celebration was explored. Any ideas should be forwarded John Willoughby.

Executive Session was held to discuss a confidential matter.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12 @ 1:30.

Meeting adjourned 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lohrand