

Hartford Bridge Club
Annual Meeting-via Zoom
October 24, 2021

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 1pm via Zoom. There were 89 attendees. There were also 5 ballots received electronically from members that could not attend.

Trevor Reeves welcomed everyone and explained the procedures that would be followed through this type of Annual Meeting.

Felix Springer thanked everyone for taking the time to attend this meeting. He noted that since March of 2020 our membership dropped from an all-time high of 528 members and a table count of 7400 to 312 members and a table count of 6100. Donna and the directors are working hard to attract more to live games by adjusting the schedule to find the right mix of games. Financially we were fortunate to almost break even with only a \$700 loss for the year.

He thanked the many people who have helped meet the challenges of the past year. Donna Feir, Club Manager, for her efforts both this year and over the many years creating a community and allowing it to thrive. He thanked the game directors for directing our 14 virtual weekly games. Susan Seckinger, Assistant Club Manager, and Sally Kirtley, chief contact with ACBL and BBO, were also acknowledged. Linda Starr's communication skills provides us with entertaining newsletters and emails. Peter Katz is the skillful webmaster for the club. Laurie Robbins, Bill Watson and Mark Smith deserve a large thank you as our game directors. maintain our financial records.

On the educational front he thanked Laurie Robbins, Dan Finn, Frank Merblum, Geof Brod, David Ehler, Tom Joyce and Joel Wolfe for providing lessons to our members. He thanked Mo Walsh and Jan Rosow for their outreach efforts to club members who have been absent for our games.

John Dinius deserves special recognition for his hard-working efforts as Finance Committee Chair. The committee members are Ben Bishop, Diane Tracy and Debbie Prince, with Trevor Reeves ex-officio.

The Facilities Committee headed by Roger Pikor with members Linda Erickson and Bill Winger worked to make sure the club's facilities were safe for play.

Felix thanked all members for their loyalty and support of the club. Looking toward the future – the club will celebrate our 90th anniversary on May 1, 2022, save the date! Educational opportunities will start up again as well as special Swiss game events. We need your help; please reach out to members you haven't seen to encourage and invite them back to play.

Secretary's Report: Minutes accepted (78ballots all voting yes)

Treasurer's Report and Yearly review. September fund balance \$104,158 a loss of \$723.00. Trevor reminded the group that the club is now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and as such contributions to the club are tax deductible as the law allows. He reported that the club recently received a generous donation of \$10,000. John Dinius, Finance Committee chair, confirmed the Yearly review of the financial numbers presented.

Club Manager's Report: We are beginning our 91st year of bridge! She congratulated our newest life masters - Lynn Tavormina, John Boettcher, Lori Leopold, Bob Tellar, Sue Sheetman, Joe Peled, John Willoughby, John Price, Carol Tellar, Roz Sternberg and Rollin Shank.

Thank you to Peter Marcus for directing today's games. She acknowledged the passing of our club historian, Joy Bacci.

Moment of Silence for recently deceased members.

Comments from Members: a big thank you to the Bishops for providing the handmade custom masks for our members; a question about the renovations made to the club before reopening (the Board approved \$1000 for them), a question of how the BBO fees are distributed (\$1.23 BBO and \$.25 ACBL = \$3.52 HBC)

Slate for 2020 -21 Officers and Directors presented by Trevor Reeves. The slate was - Felix Springer, President; John Willoughby, Vice President; Trevor Reeves, Treasurer; Ann Lohrand, Secretary. Trustees: Roger Pikor, 1 year; Carole Amaio, 2 years; Bill Wininger, 2 years; Ben Bishop, 3 years; Nancy Calderbank, 3 years; Mike Wavada, 3 years. (78 ballots and 5 mail-in ballots - all voting yes)

Felix Springer reminded us that this is a member owned club. Please go to Donna or a Board member with any suggestion or questions you may have. Don't take the club for granted. Let's look forward to a good year.

Thanks to departing Trustees, Mary Sullivan, Linda Erickson, Sharon Kwash, Tom Joyce

Adjourned at 1:47 pm,

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lohrand, Secretary.