

Hartford Bridge Club
Board of Trustees' Meeting
January 17, 2023

Called to order at 1:30 pm. Present John Willoughby, Ben Bishop, Ann Lohrand, Eric Vogel, Bill Wininger, Carole Amaio, Mike Wavada, Nancy Calderbank, Rob Stillman, Diane Tracy, Donna Feir. Also, Linda Starr and Sally Kirtley.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the December 20th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The cash balance is \$ 97,121.08. Virtual game total was 141 tables and in person club games 254, for a grand total of 395 tables for December. The revenues for the month were again very close to break even. The good news is we have just received a \$10,000 grant from West Hartford which will be reflected in the January treasurer report.

Manager's Report: Donna reported the renewal of members is up to 365. The dinner approved by the Board last month for the directors will take place soon.

Old Business:

- Grant implications – the club must remain in West Hartford for at least a year.
- Membership drive – a list of members that have not renewed their membership has been distributed to the board. Please keep John informed of who you have contacted so that we do not duplicate our efforts.
- Lease committee – nothing new to report at this time.
- Investments Update – the Finance committee has recommended that we scale back our decision of \$75,000 in Treasury Bills. A motion was made, seconded and approved to follow the recommendations of the Finance Committee to invest in safe and liquid investments.
- Spending Limits – the following policy was approved:
 - The manager shall have authority for expenditure for a single item up to \$500. The manager, with approval of the Club President and/or Treasurer, shall have the authority for expenditure for a single item of up to \$1,500.
 - A single item of additional expense that exceeds \$1,500 must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Partnership encounter – an idea that was used at the Honors Bridge Club in NY to enable members to meet other members in an attempt to develop partnerships.

New Business

- Events Committee chairperson – John is looking for someone to chair this position.
- 0 – 750-point, non-life master sectional will be held at the HBC on March 26.
- Beginner lessons will be given again in the spring, more info to follow.
- Covid protocols – we will continue to follow West Hartford guidelines.
- New Year's Eve party and game – was a great success, thanks Linda Starr for all your work.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 21 @1:30

Meeting adjourned 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lohrand