

Hartford Bridge Club
Board of Trustees' Meeting,
December 14, 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 and John Dinius.

Felix called the meeting to order. He expressed concern about the decrease in table numbers. We have experienced a decrease of 22% from our high pre pandemic to now. Other clubs are also feeling this decrease, we must try to increase numbers.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: The cash balance is \$ 96,911.13. Virtual game total was 242 tables and in club games 234, for a grand total of 476 tables for November. 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 381 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:

- Conflict of interest forms will be emailed please return asap.
- Educational Initiatives – Bill Watson has begun the Supervised Novice game. The first game had 3 ½ tables, we hope the number will grow as time goes by. The beginner lessons will start in January with a cost of \$10 a lesson. Laurie Robbins will offer an online course on declarer play using Shark Bridge, the fee will be \$15 a lesson.
- Annual membership – a list will be distributed to the Board of members that have not paid their dues; please reach out to anyone you know on this list to urge them to pay their dues.
- Covid-19 Assessment – West Hartford continues with a voluntary use of masks and we will as well.
- Vendor report postponed until January 4th meeting.

New Business:

- Planning Committee - 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.
- Property Tax relief – we will be appealing our tax assessment by West Hartford since we are now a non-profit organization.
- Copy Machine – the board approved the purchase of a new copy machine.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 4 @ 1:30.
Meeting adjourned 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lohrand