

Hartford Bridge Club
Board of Trustees' Meeting via Zoom
January 15, 2026

Called to order at 2:01 pm. Present, David Brandwein, Lori Leopold, Rick Thibodeau, Ann Lohrand, Ann Hughes, Linda Starr, Ausra Geaski, Deb Prince, John Lloyd, Ben Levine, Donna Feir and John Dinius

President: David welcomed us to the meeting, recognized that we had a quorum, and asked for any additions to the agenda.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the December meeting were accepted. Ann shared that we received 7 donations since our last meeting totaling approximately \$5,300.

Treasurer's Report: The cash balance is \$129,472.27. For December, the net equity is \$124,188.72. Net operating income for the month of December was \$15,113.16. The Investment Committee members are Rick Thibodeau and John Lloyd thus far. They will work on developing an Investment Policy Statement. John Dinius presented the Board with a review of the 1st quarter results vs. our 2025-26 Budget Plan. We are ahead of the projection because of the large (\$10,000) donation, the generous donations of our members and the success of the lessons offered.

Manager's Report: The current paid membership for the year 2025/26 is 305. A discussion of the New Years Day game with an explanation of the number of boards played (24 vs 27). The celebration ran late and some wanted to be home before dark, so the decision was made to play 24 boards.

Old Business:

- Life master parties were again discussed; Deb Prince will draft a letter contacting new life masters to organize dates for celebrations and Donna will distribute them.
- CBA & NEBA updates – Ben reported that there is a Sectional Tournament planned for March in Orange.
- Chairs – We are still accepting donations for the Furnishing Fund. A flyer will be distributed asking for donations. The search is still underway for replacement chairs.
- Game Issues – The new Wednesday afternoon game started on January 14 was well attended.
- Lease renewal status – negotiations have begun more info to follow.

New Business:

- Events Committee chaired by Lori Leopold is planning events for the coming year including Longest Day, a December Holiday party and 2 other events. The idea of a birthday game a month celebrating members' birthdays was discussed.
- Education Committee chaired by Ann Hughes discussed upcoming instructional events. She has contacted several members to see if they are interested in teaching, more info to follow.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 26 @2:00 via Zoom

Meeting adjourned 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lohrand