

Hartford Bridge Club
Board of Trustees' Meeting
August 20, 2025

Called to order at 1:45 pm. Present, Ben Bishop, David Brandwein, Richard Thibodeau, Ausra Geaski, Ann Hughes. Diane Tracy, Donna Feir, Deb Prince (Z) and John Dinius (Finance Committee). (Z = via Zoom)

President: Ben asked for any additions to the agenda.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the July 23, 2025 meeting were not available and approval was deferred to the next meeting in September.

Treasurer's Report:

- The cash balance is ~\$130,000. Net operating income for the month of July was \$505. We received STAC income of \$894 covering several months.
- Bank of America checking account signatories were changed to list Donna Feir (again), Rick Thibodeau and David Brandwein. First Internet Bank signatories will also need to be updated.
- The treatment of dues paid in FY 2025 towards FY2026 was discussed re: how to amortize. Rick Thibodeau will draft a dues policy statement that once approved will be distributed to and discussed with the Game Directors by Donna.
- Directors are reminded to make deposits in a timely manner, preferably within a few days. Deposit slips should be marked with the Director's name and kept on file for only three months.
- John Dinius, Finance Committee, presented the quarterly FY YTD comparison of Actual-to-Plan income and expenses. YTD through three quarters shows a Net Gain of \$8816 over plan, primarily due to income from lessons exceeding plan by ~\$4400 and donations exceeding plan by ~\$15,000. The following are the significant line items below plan: Dues are -\$2675; Live and OnLine Game revenue is -\$2300; and Overhead Expenses and Misc. Are -\$4000. The Board noted that continuing to attract donations is critical to the Club's ability to maintain table fees at \$10 per game.

Manager's Report:

- The A/C unit for the front room was replaced at the expense of the Landlord. The new HVAC contractor, contracted by our property manager, The Buller Group, is Bethany Metal Works in Bethany, CT. They will service both the front and rear HVAC units going forward. Donna is waiting to receive a service contract from them.
- Donna has arranged a Director's Meeting for September 15. A motion was made by Ben Bishop and seconded by Ausra Geaski: "That the September 15 Directors' Dinner shall be paid for by the Club in lieu of the one normally held and paid for in December." The motion passed with Ann Hughes abstaining.

Old Business:

- Planning Committee has a rough draft of a donation/legacy contribution brochure to be presented at the annual meeting. Comments will be sought from the Board and Donna on the next draft of the brochure.
- New database management software – discussion deferred to next meeting.
- HBC logo golf and tee shirts orders were successful and have been mostly distributed to their buyers.

New Business:

- Ben Bishop is submitting a list of potential Nominating Committee names to Felix Springer and Trevor Reeves, the past two Club Presidents, who will chair the committee. The goal is to have a slate of officers and new Board members by the end of September so that the Notice of the Annual Meeting with slate can be sent to members at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting which is set for November 2, 2025.
- Ben Bishop will prepare and have sent out a “Hold the Date” for the Annual Meeting. The meeting will start at 11:00 am with sandwiches and sodas provided by the club, and pot luck desserts provided by members to follow, with a game at 1:00 pm.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2025 @1:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, David Brandwein, Acting Secretary