

Hartford Bridge Club
Board of Trustees' Meeting
January 23, 2024

Called to order at 1:30 pm. Present, Ben Bishop, Eric Vogel, Rob Stillman, Nancy Calderbank, , Mike Wavada, , Ann Marie Hughes, Linda Starr, Donna Feir. Also, Sally Kirtley, John Dinius.

President: Ben asked for changes to agenda, see as noted.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the December 2023 meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: As of 12/31/2023, the club's Net Equity (our real financial thermometer) is \$93,369.15. Our cash balance is \$101,966.75. The virtual game total for December was 106 tables and in person club games 226.5, for a grand total of 332.5 tables for December, down 25.5 from November.

Manager's Report: Donna reported the membership is up to 297 paid renewals.

Old Business:

- Club library –Diane Tracy, Ann Lohrand and Linda Starr have made book recommendations for additions to the library. I (Ben) directed Diane to purchase the new material to just keep things moving, but since Diane was not present, and time was running short, I tabled discussion until next meeting.
- CBA news – no sectional in March in the Hartford area.
- Bill Larson has been working on the Partnership Desk. He is doing a commendable job, but would still like a backup person to assist in his absence.
- There is a NLM sectional at the club on 1 June 2024.
- Lessons for intermediate players are starting 8 February and will run for 6 weeks.
- Beginner lessons are starting March 7, 2024 in the evening.
- Check the website for dates and times.

New Business:

- Improvements – lighting, snacks... were discussed. The coat closet light has been repair, twice. Snacks will continue as is – coffee and soft drinks.
- New signs for the building are on order.
- Rob Stillman to work with Eric and Donna to assure thankyou notes go out to all donors.
- Schedule changes for winter were discussed by game directors, see current schedule online at the website, since this changes regularly...
- Inter club rivalry games have been tabled since there are already many tournaments and special events on the calendar.
- Planning committee – Chair David Brandwein met and are working on job descriptions and making good progress.
- Mike Wavada reported that our new CBA president is Bill Seagraves. CT bridge is suffering because there is no one who wants to be a Tournament manager.
- Club members are now allowed to park in any spaces in the front of our building, or any of the other buildings along either side of the road.

Next Meeting: February 20, 2024

Meeting adjourned 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ben Bishop for Ann Lohrand