

Hartford Bridge Club  
Board of Trustees' Meeting  
April 23, 2026

Called to order at 1:32 pm. Present, David Brandwein, Rick Thibodeau, Ann Lohrand, Ann Hughes, Linda Starr, Ausra Geaski, Deb Prince, John Lloyd, Ben Levine, Donna Feir and Sally Kirtley(member).

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 January 15, March 26 and April 4 meetings were accepted. Ann shared that we received many donations since our last meeting. The Furnishing Fund is now approximately \$18,450, approaching our goal. There were also contributions of approximately \$2,500 in our general fund.

Treasurer's Report: The cash balance is \$148,550.76. For March, the net equity is \$140,085.99. Net operating income for the month of March was \$2,844.42. The Investment Committee members are Rick Thibodeau, Rob Stillman and John Lloyd. A draft of the Investment Policy Statement was presented to the Board. Members were asked to review it so that it may be voted on at the next meeting. The quarterly status report will be presented at the next meeting.

Manager's Report:

- 3 new fire extinguishers have been installed
- HVAC has had spring tune-up
- Betty Kerber memorial – is still being planned
- Members were encouraged to try Real Bridge. There may be interest in switching to this platform from BBO for our online games.
- Director meeting will be held on May 4.
- Long Range Planning – calendars posted for 2 ½ months ahead. Bimonthly Swiss games are scheduled and we plan to close on weekends during Regionals and Sectionals in our area.

Old Business:

- CBA & NEBA updates – Ben reported that the Sectional Tournament in Orange hosted 160 tables.
- Chairs – We are still accepting donations for the Furnishing Fund. The sample chair has been well received by our members. A motion was made (Prince/ Geaski) to purchase 80 chairs totaling \$20,720, unanimously approved. They will be delivered in May.
- Lease renewal status – negotiations continue both a 3 and 5 year lease are being discussed
- Committee Reports – Education Committee
  - Several members have offered to host post-game Q & A's
  - Joel Wolf will be instructing a 2/1 Intermediate/Advanced 3 session series in June.
  - Laurie Robbins is instructing a series of multi-topic online evening classes
  - Ann Hughes presented a small beginner class

Scheduling

- 8 is Enough Swiss team – Sunday, May 31 at 12:30.

- Golden Swiss Team Event – Sunday July 26 at 12:30 – Club championship points converted to 100% Gold, \$100 Bar Barclay gift certificate for prizes or club use, would Event Committee plan a potluck to go along with this event?
- Upcoming special games- Charity Game, April 30, \$12 per person, Gold Dust May 6, 18-24, Silver Quest July 11-19, Senior Game September 28 and 3 NAP's & 3 limited NAP's, & 11 per person

Events Committee working on the following:

- Longest Day
- December Holiday Party
- June 19 Deb Prince and Ben Levine Life Master Party
- Monthly Birthday Party – need to get member birthdays

New Business:

- I/N tournament is scheduled for May 3. Volunteers are being recruited to help with this popular event.
- The idea of a “Barometer Game” for newer players 0- 20 MP's – 12 boards with master points being awarded was introduced.
- The need for a Communication Policy was discussed – just who has access to member's emails and Club distribution lists? Should this be limited and to who?
- Transition Team is being formed with Trevor as chair, more info to follow.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21 @1:30

Meeting adjourned 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lohrand