

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

Called to order at 1:32 pm. Present, David Brandwein, Lori Leopold, Rick Thibodeau, Ann Lohrand, Ann Hughes, Linda Starr, Ausra Geaski, Ben Levine, John Lloyd(via Zoom), 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. He updated us on the status of the Nominating Committee – Ben Bishop has stepped down from the committee and Marie Abate is now the chair.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the June 17th meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The cash balance is \$140,456.58. For June, the net equity is \$180,589.97, increased by the new chairs recently purchased. Net operating income for the month is \$2,490.40. John Dinius presented a report from the Financial Committee. We are ahead of the projected budget income, mainly from donations and earnings from increased table game numbers and lesson fees.

Manager's Report:

- Membership dues are now at a reduced rate until the beginning of our next fiscal year. Membership is now 352.
- Chuck, our maintenance man cleans the club twice a week and was called in to repair the Men's room door and the recent ant problem in the kitchen.

Old Business:

- Committee Reports – Education Committee
 - Joel Wolfe's lessons were well received.
 - The Under 50 games were successful and many joined the ACBL.
 - The Gold Swiss on July 26th has 20 teams registered!
- Scheduling
 - Golden Swiss Team Event – Sunday July 26 at 12:30 – Club championship points converted to 100% Gold, \$100 Barclay gift certificate for prizes or club use
 - Upcoming special games- Silver Quest July 11-19, Senior Game September 28 and 3 NAP's & 3 limited NAP's, \$11 per person
- Events – Lori reported that there will be a Life Master party for Dave Bykowski on July 24.
- CBA/ Unit 126 & NEBA/ District 25 – Tournament scheduled August 7, 8, 9. The club will be closed that Saturday and Sunday
- Administration/Transitions Update -Ed Siegel was selected as Club Operations Lead.
- Lease renewal is ongoing,

Executive Session- The board voted to go into Executive session at 2:17. Linda Starr, Donna Feir and Ann Hughes were asked to leave so that the Board could discuss their candidacies for the Game Operations Co-Leads. After lengthy discussion the Board voted unanimously to select Linda Starr and John Calderbank acknowledging Ann Hughes' contributions to the club.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 20 @1:30

Meeting adjourned 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lohrand