

Hartford Bridge Club  
Annual Meeting  
October 20, 2019

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. at Maneeley's catering facility in South Windsor. Attendees included players for 30 tables in an open session and 11 tables in a 299er session. Also attending were seven members who came for dinner and the meeting only, for a total of 171 attendees.

President's Report: Trevor Reeves welcomed everyone and thanked several people, including Jan Rosow for organizing the day's event with the help of Club Manager, Donna Feir, and Assistant Club Manager, Susan Seckinger. He thanked them for the setup and for their hard work during the year. He also mentioned the work of our Game Directors and the many volunteers who donated their time to make our Club what it is. Our membership is currently at 525 with more than a 7,000 table count for the year, the largest bridge club in New England!

Trevor spoke of our many successes this year:

- Learn Bridge in a Day, where the 73 people attending and more than 18 members assisting made the day a great experience for all.
- The increase of \$1 per game to the table fee has improved our financial outlook and brought us out of a deficit.
- Our website, thanks to Peter Katz, has been updated and includes the popular Hand of the Week analysis written by some of our members.
- The Events Committee planned successful fund raisers, including Cards for Kids and The Longest Day.

Trevor thanked all the Board Officers and Trustees for their service this year.

Secretary's Report: Minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report and Yearly Review: September fund balance was \$109,794 and the gain for the year was \$17,650. John Dinius, Finance Committee Chair, confirmed the yearly review of the financial numbers presented.

Club Manager's Report: Our Club is a member-owned club. We've grown from 150 members 20 years ago to more than 520 today! Thanks to all who volunteer their time to make the Club what it is today. Thanks also to Peter Marcus who volunteered his time to be the director for the day's game.

A moment of silence was held for recently deceased members.

Recognition of HBC Masterpoint Winners: Mary Sullivan (Non-Life Master) and Tom Joyce (Club Champion Open Member).

Presentation of honoraria with thanks.

The amended bylaws were reviewed; a motion was made and accepted to approve.

Riva Lewinter informed the membership of HBC's Food Share partnership during November; details will be forthcoming in an email to all members.

Comments from Members: A request for a second time clock and an idea to try and increase youth involvement in the game.

Slate for 2019 -20 Officers and Trustees presented and approved: Trevor Reeves, President; Felix Springer, Vice President; John Calderbank, Treasurer; Ann Lohrand, Secretary; Marie Abate, 1-year trustee; Frank Merblum, 1-year trustee; Tom Joyce, 2-year trustee; Sharon Kwash, 2-year trustee; Linda Erickson, 3-year trustee; Roger Pikor, 3-year trustee.

Thanks to departing trustees Pamela Lombardo and Debbie Katz.

Adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lohrand, Secretary.