

## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2024 HBC BOG MEETING

CALL TO ORDER –President Jack Hund called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

ROLL CALL- Also in attendance were BOG members: Jinan Bahia, Pat Bettger, Dave Charleston, Linda Davis, Bill Even, Steve Fama, Jeanne Foley, Cecile Hund, Linda Ivanoff, Darius Kapadia, Pat Kaufold, Mike Mendelson, MaryRose Noto-Hardy, Ray Rizzo, Jack Rudy, and Andre St. Omer Roy. A quorum of voting members was present. Not attending were Jim Boyer, Len Crumb, Jacqueline Granite, Georgi Hess, Tom Neiper, Midge Sobolewski, and Tammy Stine. Also present was Club member Russ Poppleton.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 27, 2024 BOG MEETING MINUTES – These minutes were previously emailed to all Board members and any others in attendance at the meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Dave made a motion to approve these minutes, which was seconded. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.

### OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Jack Hund started the meeting by mentioning a recent complaint by two visitors that they felt uncomfortable playing at our club. He emphasized that HBC should be friendly and welcoming. Board members were then asked to help by keeping an eye on things and calling the director if needed.

TREASURER’S REPORT – MaryRose presented the September 2024 Treasurer’s Report, which showed a bank balance of \$16,858.72. Money Market balance of \$84,513.18, CD balance of \$10,743.47, and Treasury Bond balance of \$21,084. Two large bills for repair and paving of the parking lot and Camp Hill School taxes which were recently paid caused the bank balance to be lower than usual. Andre asked if the budget was tracking and Jack Hund answered that everything looked okay for the year to date. Dave made a motion to approve this Treasurer’s Report, which was seconded by Linda Ivanoff. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.

### MANAGERS’ REPORTS

HOUSE MANAGER’S REPORT – Mike summarized recent House Manager activities. The icemaker will be cleaned at the end of the month. The chairs and carpets will be cleaned Thanksgiving weekend. The roof will be checked for nail pops and the gutters cleaned.

Refrigerator #3, in the storage room, is no longer working properly. He asked if it should be replaced. It is not used much, but is handy for large events. One of the fridges in the

front is small and could be moved to the storage room and be replaced by a larger unit, possibly used. He will look into this.

**CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT** – In Jim's absence, Jack Hund reviewed the table count chart that Jim has been compiling. The YTD count at the end of September 2023 was 2675 tables, while the count at the end of September 2024 was 2638.5. Jack noted that the 2024 count does not include the tables in the new Assisted Play games.

Jack then said he is concerned about the dwindling attendance at the Wednesday afternoon 0-500 games and the Friday afternoon 0-750 games. The Tuesday night 0-1500 games have also been getting smaller. It was mentioned that those players nearing 500 masterpoints will be looking for new games to play in, which may help the Friday afternoon and Tuesday night attendance.

Dave brought up the fact that directors must delay setting up games because of late arrivals. Jack will add a reminder to the weekly games schedule announcement asking for players to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled game. This will help the sellers, too; as they cannot finish counting money and completing paperwork until everyone has paid.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**MEMBERSHIP** – Bill began by noting that HBC now has 412 members, 11 more than at the end of 2023. He then presented sixteen names for membership (Doris Barnes, Barbara Goll, Jack Herb, Kathy Herb, Vicki Holland, Elaine Hutcheson, Ben Lezu, Valerie McCaffery, Steve McNaughton, Tina McNaughton, Michael Rinehart, Deb Rodrigues, Ken Rodrigues, Susan Smeltz, Bonnee Wendle, Jean Zebedee, and Ashvin Zumkhawala) and one name for reinstatement, Jeannine Turgeon. Linda Davis made a motion to approve these names, which Ray seconded. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.

Bill then stated that 64% of members have accepted the email option for delivery of the annual President's letter and that the preparation and mailing of the letters to the remaining members will take place after the Thursday afternoon game on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, after Jack Hund explained the circumstances, Bill made a motion to provide Susan Kennedy with a free membership for 2025. Linda Ivanoff seconded and the motion carried with no objections and one abstention.

**EDUCATION** – Mike reviewed information from the Education Committee. BB1 is currently ongoing and another course will probably be scheduled for the spring. This BB1 class registered fewer attendees than previous classes and it remains to be seen how many of those will continue on to BB2. The next BB2 class will start at the end of this month. The mini-lessons and Assisted Play games are well attended and the numbers for the Monday night 0-50 game have increased.

The latest Pearls workshop, aimed at intermediate players had to be canceled for lack of interest. Mike plans to offer both the Junior Mentor game and the Swiss Mixer twice a

year in 2025. He feels that the Senior Mentor game has not been drawing enough interest to be held at all. Steve asked if one of the Mixer games could be held on a weekend instead of at night. Mike will consult Bob Priest about openings on the Club calendar. Steve then mentioned that his once monthly Thursday afternoon post-game review sessions were continuing. A flyer will be going out this week to advertise Dennis Shaub's 2/1 class.

**CONDUCT, DECORUM AND ETHICS (CDE)** – Pat Kaufold stated that she had no issues to report.

**HOSPITALITY**– Cecile expressed her thanks to those newer players who have stepped up when asked to provide Brunch game “extras” and desserts for the upcoming Game Night.

**SUNSHINE** – Please send Cecile or Bobbie Goodyear the names of those in need of get well or sympathy cards.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - Russ explained the work being done by him, Ricky Boyer, and Mary Ann Regan with the ACBL Education Foundation to use their grant program to teach bridge to the military. The grant pays for teachers, supplies, and even food. They have a meeting scheduled for Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> on the Navy Base to discuss dates for starting a BB1 equivalent class there in 2025. They also have been working on a program to teach bridge to middle schoolers. This may involve offering a summer bridge camp, as an in-school option is not viable. Jack Rudy noted that there are also ACBL programs to bring bridge to colleges.

**NEW BUSINESS** – An item was added to the agenda by Jeanne to discuss compensation for the sellers. A suggestion was made to let the seller play for free in any game in which they sold. After discussion, it was decided that free plays would be given to “regular” sellers, as determined by coordinator Jacqueline Granite, at the Annual Meeting.

**NEXT MEETING** – Jack Hund called the next meeting for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> during the lunch break after the Annual Meeting. He reviewed the schedule for the Annual Meeting and added that the proposed new directors for 2025 are Tom Anderson, Rebecca Bergey, John DiLeonardo, Bill Even, and Bridget Whitley. Mike added a plug for Game Night on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Linda Davis noted that she was currently short of guaranteed partners and asked that anyone who was interested let her know.

**ADJOURNMENT**- Dave made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded. There were no objections or abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM.