

## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 2024 HBC BOG MEETING

CALL TO ORDER –President Jack Hund called the meeting to order at 10 AM on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 27, 2024 BOG MEETING MINUTES – These minutes were previously emailed to all Board members and any others in attendance at the meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. They were approved with no further discussion, no opposition and no abstentions.

### OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Jack Hund started by noting that a new governor was needed to fill the vacancy caused by Pam Murray’s death. He spoke to former Board member Steve Fama about the position and got a positive response. Cecile made a motion to have Steve serve out the remainder of Pam’s term, which was seconded by Dave. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions. Steve then joined the meeting.

Jack thanked the Hospitality Committee and everyone else who had helped with and/or played in the Pam Murray Memorial Game, which was well attended by members and several of Pam’s family.

Lastly, he mentioned that after games the Club is often left a mess and the same few people stay around to cleanup every time. He will make an announcement before the games he attends asking for everyone to clean up after themselves. Jim said that he will ask directors to make the same announcement when calling the move for the last round.

TREASURER’S REPORT – MaryRose then presented the March 2024 Treasurer’s Report, which showed a bank balance of \$9527.61, Money Market balance of \$89,781.39, CD balance of \$10,483.15, and Treasury Bond balance of \$21,084. The Real Estate Tax bill was \$2300. Mike asked if the policy of holding a free game for each regularly game at the Club should continue. After some discussion, it was decided that the policy created goodwill and gave something extra back to the members. Dave made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, which was seconded by Jim. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.

### MANAGERS’ REPORTS

HOUSE MANAGER'S REPORT – Mike then summarized recent House Manager activities.

The carpets in the playing room were just cleaned and will be done quarterly from now on, while the Education room carpet will be done twice a year. Mulching of the flower beds and trees is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> after the game. The annual carpenter bee infestation of the front and back wood benches continues despite yearly treatment, and since replacing them with non-wood benches is a bit pricey (Aluminum-\$700/Steel-\$900), he will look into other options. He is working on finding a new microphone system, since the old one cuts out constantly. Fixing the AC in the Education Room is a continuing problem, as it does not maintain the set temperature. He is planning to cut the grass by the front driveway which belongs to the building next door, as he has had no cooperation from the building managers in this matter. He is now looking into refreshing the women's restroom by replacing the vanity and painting and repairing, as needed. Lastly, he has contacted Parvin about repairing, paving, and resealing the parking lot and driveway. Apparently, there are three areas which are breaking down and need extensive work along with other minor repairs. The total cost is estimated at about \$1570 for the patching and \$8460 for the sealing. He wanted input on whether to schedule the whole job, or just to do the repairs for now. After discussion of the impact of the work on the game schedule, it was decided to do the repairs over the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup> (later changed to May 24<sup>th</sup>) and the resealing over the weekend of June 28<sup>th</sup> during the Philadelphia Regional at Valley Forge (King of Prussia), if this can be scheduled.

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT – Before Jim began, Bill reviewed the results of the member survey concerning game masterpoint limits. He had a total response of 72 for the survey aimed at members in the 0-2000 MP range. The 0-499 group seem to be content with the available limited games. A guarantee of a Tuesday afternoon 0-750 game would draw only 4 more players. The likelihood of a Howell movement is a deterrent for a potential 0-750 game that day. A poll of Tuesday night players favored increasing the point limit to 2000. However, only 2 additional players would be gained with this increase. An extension of the game to 2500 points would have to be considered to increase the number of tables.

Jim added that based on the above results, he has decided to eliminate the Tuesday afternoon 0-750 game, with the option of restoring it at a future date, and to keep the 1500 limit for the Tuesday night game. He also mentioned that during the June, July and August NAP qualifiers, several of the Friday 0-750 games would be run as 2500 games.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – Bill presented five names for membership (Mike Fisher, Frank Kempf, Marie Ann Moran, Bonnie Peechatka, and Susan Shannon), as well as Alexis Peffer for reinstatement. Linda Ivanoff made a motion to accept all of the above, which was seconded by Dave. The motion carried with no objection or abstentions. The Club now has 389 members.

Bill then stated that the 2025-2025 directories had been completed at a cost of \$943.40 and were now available to members.

EDUCATION - Mike went over updated information from the Education Committee meeting on April 2, 2024. The monthly Pearls workshops have been very well attended. The mini-lessons are going well with 6-7 tables on Wednesday afternoons and 3-4 tables on Monday nights. The Monday night 0-50 game is up to 4-5 tables. The newest BB1 classes began on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> with 30 signed up for Monday morning and 19 signed up for Wednesday night. The next BB2 class is in the process of being scheduled for May/June.

Mike's monthly Bid and Play class for beginners on the last Monday night of the month is drawing well with about 5 tables. A second assisted practice game for beginners has been scheduled for Saturday mornings, joining the Wednesday afternoon sessions.

CONDUCT, DECORUM AND ETHICS (CDE) – In the absence of Pat Kaufold, Jim mentioned that there were no issues since the last Board meeting. The topic of an HBC member being suspended by the ACBL for alleged cheating online was brought up. Jack volunteered to contact Ed Scanlon to determine if HBC should take action to send a letter to ACBL in support of this member.

HOSPITALITY– Cecile thanked all those who set up, provided food and cleaned up at both Game Night and the Pam Murray Memorial Game. They were both very successful events and went smoothly.

SUNSHINE – Please send Cecile or Bobbie Goodyear the names of those in need of get well or sympathy cards. Bobbie was again commended for the great job she does.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Mike reported that Game Night was also very successful. About \$1200 was raised for the Alzheimer's Association and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. It was suggested that a second game night be held this year, if it can be scheduled, with proceeds going to our 2024 local charity, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

NEW BUSINESS –

Jack Hund noted that last year, proceeds from all games held the week of the Longest Day were donated to the Alzheimer's Association. He suggested that this year, since \$1200 has already been raised for Alzheimer's from Game Night, only the proceeds from the two games on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> be donated to Alzheimer's. Linda Ivanoff said that she would hold an Ice Cream Social before the afternoon game, as she did last year.

The next issue discussed was the Camp Hill School District May Fair to be held at the Eisenhower Elementary (across the street) on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 PM. HBC

received an email asking if we would be interested in having an information booth at the event. It was decided that this would be a “good neighbor” opportunity. Tammy volunteered to be in charge of the booth and a few others volunteered to assist her. Flyers will be prepared with information about the Club and imprinted pencils will be handed out.

It was then proposed and decided that the Bert Murray Award be renamed the Pam and Bert Murray Award. Linda Ivanoff will form a selection committee to decide on possible candidates for the award to be given out at the Annual Meeting in December.

The Tim Trissler Memorial Game scheduled for Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> already has 20 tables registered. Both an Open and a 0-750 game will be held that day. The lunch will be ordered from Giant and desserts will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.

Steve commented that games never seem to start on time. Various reasons for this were then discussed. Mike suggested running a clock for the Open games to move the games along. It was mentioned that if this couldn't be done, at least the directors should be more aware of time and keep the games moving. Jacqueline mentioned the need for sellers.

NEXT MEETING – Jack Hund called the next BOG meeting for Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 10 AM.

ADJOURNMENT – Linda Ivanoff made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cecile. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM.