

MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2024 HBC BOG MEETING

CALL TO ORDER –President Jack Hund called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM on Saturday, July 27, 2024.

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

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

OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Jack Hund began by thanking those who helped keep things going at the Club by taking over responsibilities while he and Cecile were gone. In particular he named Mary Simmons and Cindy Mueller who ran the July 6th Brunch game and Andre and Midge who took care of the various presidential responsibilities. Then he mentioned that political discussion has no place at the Club and that if anyone is made uncomfortable by such discussions, the director should be called. The Zero Tolerance policy will be invoked if the discussion then continues.

TREASURER’S REPORT – MaryRose then presented the June 2024 Treasurer’s Report, which showed a bank balance of \$14,585.85, Money Market balance of \$90,676.70, CD balance of \$10,612.51, and Treasury Bond balance of \$21,084. Two large bills for repair and paving of the parking lot and Camp Hill School taxes have been recently paid. Jack Hund added that the Club no longer receives any virtual club monies and only a small amount from the Support Your Club games on BBO. Dave made a motion to approve this Treasurer’s Report, which was seconded by Jinan. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.

MANAGERS’ REPORTS

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

The repairs and resealing of the parking lot was completed on June 28th. Trimming of trees and bushes will be scheduled soon.

He then noted that Midge will no longer be managing the weeding and spring/fall cleanup of the landscape beds after this year, but will still take care of the flower pots. Discussion followed about how to manage the weeding and cleanups in the future. It was suggested a small committee be formed to do these tasks. Another suggestion was to hire someone to do the large cleanup tasks in the spring and fall and have the committee maintain the cleanup/ weeding. Mike said that he will ask the current landscapers who mow if they could provide the above services.

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT – Jim started by saying the table count is down a bit due to weather issues and sectionals being held at the Club. He also mentioned that September Swiss has been moved to the 18th and that since the Sr. Mentor game has been cancelled, another Thursday night game needs to be scheduled to take advantage of the one free game per year for each regularly scheduled game policy. He then discussed the issue of running the clock for games. Noting that he keeps an eye on the time and encourages players who are behind to catch up, he said he has only had to pull 3-4 boards in recent games. Many suggestions were made about how to keep players on track timewise. It was decided that he will make all directors aware of this issue and have them pull boards if needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – Bill presented nine names for membership (Dan Driscoll, Deanna Frear, Karen Gayman, Barry Gorski, William Haynes, Shao/Sean Huang, Sherie Minich, Pam Rosenberger, and Sandy Savino) and six names for reinstatement (Rebecca Chick, Kenneth C. Meyer, Joseph Oless, Andie Sheaffer, Faye Sneider, and Marjorie Woodward). Dave made a motion to approve these names, which Pat seconded. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions. The Club now has 394 members.

EDUCATION - Mike reviewed the minutes of the June 18th Education Committee meeting. The BB3 classes are finishing up. New BB1 classes will begin in September and are currently registering students. The Play and Learn – Bidding course will be held on Tuesday evenings in September. The monthly Pearls workshops will resume on September 13th. Dennis Shaub will be holding a 2/1 course in November. The Saturday Assisted Play games for beginners have been doing well with 2-3 tables on Wednesdays and 5+ tables on Saturdays. One Saturday game per month will transition to a 0-50 game beginning August 17th and be run in conjunction with the monthly Continental Breakfast game. This will necessitate having signups for this new game since food will be provided and the game will start at 11 (food at 10:30), rather than at 9:30.

CONDUCT, DECORUM AND ETHICS (CDE) – In the absence of Pat Kaufold, Jim noted that he has dealt with a couple of minor issues recently, all of which have been resolved.

HOSPITALITY– Cecile expressed her thanks to Mary Simmons and Cindy Mueller for running the July Brunch game in her absence and said that the members of the Hospitality Committee have been very generous in providing food for Club games when needed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Tammy was asked by Jack to talk about recent HBC participation at the Camp Hill May Fair. She said that she enjoyed representing the Club and everyone seemed to have fun. She does not expect our presence will bring in any new members, but it was a nice community service opportunity. Jim commended her for a job well done.

Bridget Whitley then reported on the results of this year’s ACBL Longest Day/Alzheimer’s fundraising efforts. Money donated during Game Night in April, along with Longest Day game fees collected in June and individual donations brought the total raised to \$2899. She has already begun to organize for 2025 and suggested a Shortest Day event for December, along with a larger event to be scheduled for Saturday, June 21st possibly in conjunction with a Brunch and Bridge game. She also mentioned that speakers are available through the state organization.

NEW BUSINESS – Bill Even then proposed a new Membership Renewal Process, in which members will first be asked by email to consent (or not) to using email for the Annual Meeting letter and membership renewal. Those who do not reply, or who opt out, will then be contacted by regular mail. Payment can be made by mailing a check or by hand delivering payment in a labeled envelope to the Club. He expects this process to lessen the amount of work currently involved and to save postage, which was \$450 last year. It was agreed to try this process this year. Steve noted that it would be a good idea to make people aware of this change using the weekly games email and by announcements at games by the directors.

Jack Hund then proposed scheduling the Annual Meeting and Games for Saturday, December 7th. The opt in/out letters will be sent in August, with the end of October slated for sending out the President’s letter and renewal notices.

Jack then noted that the Gold Life Master plaque needed to be updated and that other plaques should be checked. He will discuss this with Linda Ivanoff and Russ Poppleton. He also informed the Board that Ricky Boyer, Russ Poppleton and Mary Ann Regan have been working on getting duplicate bridge into local high schools and that ACBL has a subsidized program for teaching bridge to military personnel, which may be of interest to HBC.

He also reminded those directors whose terms will be expiring this year that they are responsible for finding replacement directors for the December election. Those directors who are serving their second year were reminded that they are responsible for finding officers for 2025.

NEXT MEETING – Jack Hund called the next BOG meeting for Saturday, October 12, 2024, at 10 AM.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to discuss, Dave made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ray. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.