

PURITAN BRIDGE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES

Date: 4/9/24 Time called to order: 1:45pm

Board Members present: Chris Gorton, Jeff Sweeney, Larry Schell, Nancy Mullen, , Dianne Ritchie, Nora Schneider, and Pat Di Scullo

Absent: Mimi Roos, Maureen Cullen, and Elaine Sheeran

Members present: Cynthia Gorton, Bob Prevoir, and George Melman

The minutes from the last meeting having been previously reviewed electronically were unanimously approved.

Treasurer: Pat- Current balance at end of March is \$33,546. There were no unusual expenses this month. Table count is on the rise.

House: Nora- Chris reports we have found a plow person through Arlene Patterson, Paul Seymour.

Membership: Dianne- Dianne reports she has an updated contact list, and it has more names than the member list. It is on the computer in the office. Dianne has updated the membership application form and copies are on the kitchen door.

Bridge: Jenny – Opening leads had been taken off the handhelds by Tim Hill for the team game. They are now back on. The team game scheduled for April 25 will not be an 8 is Enough format; rather, folks can freely form their own teams as before. In order to encourage newer players to attend open games we will be hosting a mentor game on Monday May 20. Larry will pay for the pizza. There will be random drawings for mentor/mentee partners. Chris will do an email blast to promote the event.

Entertainment: Nancy/Maureen- Nancy reports they were already considering a mentor game and will assist with the food serving for this now scheduled event.

Club Manager: Elaine- Chris reports that Elaine is not aware of a deadline for the NIH Study previously announced. Beginning April 22 we will participate in the extra points events of Stardust Week. Also Royal StaC is coming in May.

OLD BUSINESS:

George's election to Treasurer – We will gradually transition from Pat to George with the various treasurer tasks. In the meantime, Board unanimously voted George Melman to treasurer position. Pat will check re check signing protocols, i.e. can we just add George and he

alone as an additional signatory go to the bank. We will wait until September and annual elections to notify the State.

Stan's Classes - Stan has begun his Beginner 2 classes and they are well received. Parking was an issue that still needs to be resolved. There was a discussion about Braintree continuing ed bridge classes at the last meeting. Chris has reached out to his scholarship contact but has not heard back.

NEW BUSINESS:

Free Plays – No change in no free play policy for now.

Website Email Blasts - Chris will continue doing old format Mailchimp email blasts as we work out a transition to a new plan using multiple folks and the new website email function.

Next meeting Date: Tuesday, May 14

Moved to adjourn: 2:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary, Nora Schneider

Executive Session

We discussed recent bad behavior by Bill Nason. First, on Saturday he asked Gautam to find him a partner. Gautam offered two choices. He refused both and as a result did not play. Our policy is if you refuse a partner the Club has no further obligation to ever again find you a partner. Bill needs to be so notified.

Second, he was playing with Lou Kelleher today and some time during the game he exchanged words with Richard Simolari, got angry, and then left the Club, deserting his partner. Chris will check with Tim Hill re ACBL protocols which might apply here. A letter will be sent to Bill to the effect that he is on probation, depending on Tim's advice.