

PURITAN BRIDGE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES

Date: 2/27/24

Time called to order: 1:30pm

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

Absent: Mimi Roos, Jenny Koenecke, and Elaine Sheeran

Members present: Cynthia Gorton and George Melman

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

Treasurer: Pat- Current balance at end of January is \$33, 345. There were no unusual expenses this month. No snow plowing expense offset the rising oil prices. Table count is down but not unusual for the time of year.

House: Nora- Chris reports he may have found a plow person through Arlene Patterson, Paul Seymour. Chris will follow up with him sometime in the next week. He may consider paying him some kind of retainer to hold him for next year.

Membership: Dianne- Dianne reports she has an updated contact list. It is on the computer in the office. Gary is aware. Nora will check with Gary tomorrow re status of website. Chris will do an email blast soon which will include a request that everyone who wants to have his name on the list should let us know and that everyone should check his name on the list for accuracy. We will hold off printing copies for now.

Bridge: Jenny – Nothing to report.

Entertainment: Nancy/Maureen- Maureen reports they are considering a pizza party for April and may decide to combine it with an 8 is Enough Team Game.

Club Manager: Elaine- Chris reports that Elaine has more information on the NIH Study previously announced. She will post that info on the bulletin board and Chris will send a link to all board members so they can check it out. We will discuss at our next meeting since Elaine has additional information to share.

Chris also reports that ACBL is promoting Fri, Sat, Sun “pop-up games”. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Team Games – Tim was at the club directing today. We discussed the Thursday team game with him, deciding to cancel this week's due to lack of sign-ups. We will do a better job of promoting through email blasts and director announcements. Tim suggested we try an 8 is Enough format, where A players are 3 points; B players are 2; and C are 1. No team can have more than 8 points. Chris will check with Jenny re stratas and announce the game and the stratas in an email blast. Game will be Thursday, March 28.

George's election to Treasurer – 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 should be in a position next month to formalize his election.

Stan's Classes - Stan has prepared a flyer about his class and posted it on the bulletin board. Chris will include the announcement in his soon to be released email blast. Nora will ask Gary if he could post the announcement on our website. There was a discussion about Braintree continuing ed bridge classes. Chris will ask his scholarship contact (see below) if there is such a program.

Nametags - Maureen is handling new nametag purchases . Cost is \$15 (with a refund if it costs less due to postage volume). Dianne has been announcing to all newbies. Dianne suggested all new members when coming on board for \$25 be asked if they would like a nametag for an additional \$15.

NEW BUSINESS: It's Braintree HS scholarship time. Due to our solid financial condition it was voted we have a \$1,000 scholarship this year

Next meeting Date: Tuesday, April 9.

Moved to adjourn: 2:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary, Nora Schneider