

PURITAN BRIDGE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES

Date: 1-2-24 Time called to order: 1:35pm

Board Members present: Chris Gorton, Mimi Roos, Nora Schneider, Larry Schell, Elaine Sheeran, Jenny Koenicke, Pat Di Sciullo, Maureen Cullen

Absent: Nancy Mullen, Jeff Sweeney

Members present: George Melman, Dianne Ritchie, Cynthia Gorton, Peter Griff

Secretary: Mimi- Notes accepted

Treasurer: Pat- Balance as of 11/30 is \$30,207.14, Curtain Call paid to date. Larry reviewed balance sheet, expenses and income and said club looked good financially. Table counts consistent, except for lower December, probably due to holidays, and bridge income about \$5000 monthly. George Melman has agreed to work with Pat, in order to take over job of treasurer within next several months. Chris, Nora, Pat and George will all need to go to bank together to change signatory cards, probably in March.

House: Nora and Jeff- Dumpster will be locked. Pickup is every other Wednesday. Board members should be mindful of lock always being in place. Chris will try to renegotiate price in spring. Nancy may know a plow person. It is important that ramp and stairs be cleared of snow also.

Membership: Dianne Ritchie: Dianne is trying to put together an accurate list of members, with phone/cell number and ACBL number. She questioned need for addresses and board decided there was no need for addresses on list, especially when list goes on new website.

Bridge: Jenny- Some of our new decks of cards have no barcodes, so duplimate machine cannot read them. She does not know if this problem extends to sleeves of cards she has not opened yet. She will contact company about this issue. All directors can access phone system, so any snow cancellation announcement will be on our machine by 8am of that day. It will also be on

website. Many players have asked for opening leads to be put back into scoring system. It also helps to pick up entering of direction errors. Tim removed it for a Swiss team event. It is difficult to put back into scoring system. Jenny will try to contact a person who is knowledgeable in scoring system to assist her to put it back in, or we will have Tim reset it when he returns from British Columbia. In January there will be a STAC week. There will continue to be a team Swiss game on the last Thursday of the month. Chris will do an email blast, including Swiss game and game cancellations.

Entertainment: Nancy/Maureen- Congratulations on a successful holiday party season! The parties are over and all bills have been paid. It was suggested that next December the parties be distributed throughout the month, rather than clustered in one week. At the present time there are no parties scheduled.

Club Manager: Elaine Sheeran- NIH is doing a study to determine if playing bridge actually contributes to cognition and has asked ACBL clubs if their members would like to participate in this study. There will be a \$150 stipend to each participating member and \$50 to each club for each participating person. Study will consist of one 30 minute question session, then a subsequent 60 minute session at a later time. Board decided to publicize this. Elaine will follow through with it.

OLD BUSINESS: Gary Peterson has done a wonderful job setting up our new website, bridgewebs.com/puritan/. It will soon be linked to www.puritanbridge.org. He held a training workshop for board members and directors last week and will have a follow-up session on Wednesday, 1-3. Hopefully it will go live on Wednesday or soon thereafter. Chris commented how great new back bulletin board looks, with board member pictures.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board appointed Dianne Ritchie as new membership chairman and new board member. Congratulations Dianne!
2. Some members have asked for name tags. Maureen orders them. They cost \$15-20 with variation of cost depending on shipping. Mimi will

inquire with Tshirt guy if he does them also, so there would be no shipping. It was suggested we order them quarterly and collect payment in advance to directors.

3. Stan Pilch has approached several members, including Larry, about running a beginners game. He sent a proposal which was circulated by email to board members. There was concern about conflict with Gautam. Gautam will continue to do what he does now, with supervised play and individual classes. He has no objection to Stan running a beginners class. His only request is that any other class not be on Thursdays. Gautam gives club \$2 per person per day for his students. If we were to extend offer to Stan, it would be the same \$2 per person per day to the club. Elaine suggested she discuss with him the OLLI program for beginners, which is an 8 week session with all materials supplied. Then he could continue teaching after on his own. Elaine and Henry successfully ran OLLI classes pre-covid with continuation classes. Alternatively, Stan could run his own classes. He would be responsible for getting his students. After some discussion, it was decided Chris would send him a letter outlining this proposal, with available days being Monday and Wednesday, and definitely not Thursday.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: February 27, 2024

Moved to adjourn at: 2:45pm