

PURITAN BRIDGE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES

Date: 7/9/24

Time called to order: 1:30pm

Board Members present: Chris Gorton, Mimi Roos, Nora Schneider, Larry Schell, Elaine Sheeran, Jenny Koenicke, George Melman, Nancy Mullen, Dianne Ritchie

Absent: Jeff Sweeney, Maureen Cullen

Members present: Cynthia Gorton, Peter Griff, Stan Pilch, Bob Prevoir

Secretary: Mimi- Notes accepted

Treasurer: George- Current balance \$35,434.51. Curtain Call \$700 rent per month paid to date. We are considering switching our internet service from regular Verizon to Verizon FIOS with a \$60 per month savings. B of A has still not added George to check signing, but he prefers e-payments so it does not matter. Table counts are up. Today is 3 year anniversary of our reopening after COVID, and the club is successful.

House: Nora and Jeff- We need a new A/C for main room. ARS has provided us with an estimate of \$16, 298 for same system. Williams and Cotti-Johnson just came in today and will provide us estimates. Annual fire inspection needs to be scheduled. Stan P. suggested we consider a split a/c system and gave Nora the name of Hagerty Plumbing & A/C to contact for an estimate.

Membership: Dianne Ritchie- As of 6-11 we have 144 paid full year members and 8 snow-bird half year memberships. Rank changes have been updated on bulletin board. It was suggested they also be posted on website. Dorothy Smith is member who donated her artwork on our walls. There was an interest by someone for purchasing a piece. She has donated these pieces to Puritan, but she prefers they remain on the walls, as long as she is still playing, and not be sold.

Bridge: Jenny- We have 12 sets of boards which go from 1 to 36. She proposed that she take boards 25-36 from 4 sets and make 2 additional sets of

boards from 1 to 24. Gary has volunteered to copy for Jenny 2 sets of stickers necessary to convert those boards to 1-24. Thank you Gary. We are in desperate need of a 6th director. Gautam plans to direct this Saturday, but he cannot at this time be counted on for as a regular Saturday director. Other directors have been filling in, but it is an issue. Stan P. suggested we pay for any interested members to take the directors course. Jennie plans to ask Judy DiDominico, a seasoned director who is here for the summer, if she would be willing to direct for us occasionally. We will be having a mentor game on Monday, October 14. Larry generously offered to again pay for the pizza. Thank you Larry. She will ask Gary if he would consider running a Swiss game in September on a Wednesday. Eugene Caruso who runs the Braintree Adult education program would like to offer a beginners bridge class and was hoping we could provide a teacher. It would be a great opportunity for us. Jenny will try to find someone.

Entertainment: Nancy/Maureen- BBQ will be on Saturday, September 21. The game will start at 10;15pm and the BBQ would be after the game. Chris has volunteered to man the grill.

Club Manager: Elaine Sheeran- Elaine receives notices of disciplined/banned players. She will leave the notices in a folder at the directors' desk, so the directors will know if a disciplined player shows up to play. She received \$200 for members who participated in the NIH study. More money will come in once the study is concluded. During STAC week, the table fee goes from \$1.15, a regular game fee, to \$7.50 a table. We make that up by charging an extra \$2 per person. However, most other games have extra points, which costs us an additional \$5.15 per table. At the present time we do not collect extra money for those games. Mimi made a motion, seconded by Jenny, that, "beginning September 1, 2024, for all extra point games, excluding STAC games and club championships, all players will be assessed an extra \$1 fee to cover the additional ACBL table fee. Motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Chris asked if we need continued email blasts. It was decided he would send out one last blast, telling people to look at new website and to inform them of \$1 increase for extra point games.

NEW BUSINESS: We discussed fundraising ideas for the A/C cost. Elaine Sheeran suggested we double the membership fees. Board did not like that idea. Larry volunteered to have another theatre raffle with drawing taking place on the BBQ day. Nancy suggested having a 50/50 raffle, with tickets at \$5 each, 3 for \$10, with drawing at BBQ. Board liked idea, but it was tabled to next meeting for details and ticket selling start date. It was also suggested we ask for donations, but not a formal setup like we did for the deck fundraiser. Nominating committee discussion and appointment tabled to next meeting. All current members indicated that they plan to remain in their positions. Annual meeting will be 9-17. Stan Pilch addressed the board with his idea of running up to three bridge classes, at various levels, for no charge, at the club. He cannot do them in the morning and wanted to have them during the afternoon and evening. It was decided by the board that we do not want the facilities used at any time other than during the current regularly scheduled opening times.

Next meeting: August 6

Moved to adjourn at: 3:20pm