

Harrisburg Bridge Club  
Board of Governors  
Second Annual Meeting's Minutes  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
10:30Am – 1:20 P.M.

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M.

**Attendance:**

Present: Sandy Berg, Andre St. Omar Roy, Pam Murray, Jack Hund, Jim Boyer, Gail Bishop, Ginny Burtnett, Jim Johnson, Lee Morrison, Jack Rudy, Kay Succa, Bridget Whitley, Kitty Markley, Russ Poppleton and Linda Ivanoff.

Absent: Lynn Harris, Marcia Strittmatter, Mary Simmons, Deb Hoveland, and David Kraus.

The minutes from the first quarterly meeting (1/16/16) were approved, as were the minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**President Pam Murray's Report:**

Financial review conducted by Hank Heck was approved..

Sandra Wilson sent a letter of resignation from chairing "The Wall of Honor" committee. Jack Hund will put out a request for a volunteer to replace Sandy via our Web page or email. Kitty Markley will send her a letter of gratitude for her hard work.

Pam reported that the result of the mission to approach Tim LeVan to co-ordinate game schedules met with no interest from Tim.

**No Vice President Report:**

**Treasurer Jack Hund's Report (see attachment):**

Our mortgage balance is down to \$84,497.39 as of May 2016. Revenue from games is up and basic operating costs are down.

Lee Morrison moved that he and Jim Boyer visit a few banks to explore remodifying our current loan . The motion was seconded by Bridget and the board voted to accept this motion. 4 members abstained from the vote.

Jack Hund moved that we buy a new duplimate machine , boards , and update the club's computer in any way necessary to accommodate the new program . Bob Priest has a buyer who will pay \$500 for the old machine . This motion passed unanimously.

**No Secretary Report:**

**House Manager Russ Poppleton's Report:**

He will seek a consult to check the stove in the kitchen. There are issues with the pilot lights going out and the oven temperature is inaccurate. Kay Succa has offered to donate her stove from home as an alternative. Costs concerning putting it in will be requested from the consultant as well.

Russ reminded us that we cannot cook meals in our kitchen since we let our food license expire.

**Club Manager Bridget Whitley's Report:**

Longest Day is set for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, starting at 10:30, with games following at 2:30 and 6:30(teacher's game) and open game at 6:30 as well. It will be \$10.00 /person. Her goal is to raise \$1600 . Steve Valencic is soliciting donors for the auction.

**Membership Reports:** by Jack Hund for absent Deb Hoveland

New members :

Barbara Gaige, Marilyn Kauffman, Richard McMullin, Jonathan Baxley, Mike Goldthwait, Mary Anne LaPorte, Sarah Lynch, Charles Evancho, Michele Eby, Joe Chiarella, Serrie Lico, Scott Worrall, Patricia Worrall, and Fran Sponhauer.

This makes a total of 319 paid members for 2016, 278 regulars, 6 Emeritus, and 35 Lifetime. 14 members still have not paid. 3 members passed away-Emily Risner, Glenn Beidel, and Geri Male.

**Education Report by Jack Rudy:**

Introduced the concept of "Mini Bridge", "The Common Game", and also outreach to schools by Marcia and Jack. Kitty. Linda and Jack will try to get more info on how to use "The Common Game"

**New and Unfinished Business:**

A new clean up the club party will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> . There will be another board meeting, then we will work in the club .

Russ will schedule a carpet cleaning. It was suggested this be done on a regular schedule.

Lee Morrison made a motion that we add another Friday 0-500 game. They will be at 11:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month, beginning in June. The hand analysis will be at the end of the game of the last board. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Hund and the board passed the motion unanimously. See attached report from Marcia Strittmatter.

Jack Rudy motioned that we try a "Saturday Night Special" on Saturday night in the fall. Dinner and dessert will be provided .Cost will be \$20/person and we will coordinate with York so that we do not conflict with their game. Jack Hund 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the club passed the motion.

A new Wednesday night game is being discussed. It would be an" Express Game"( 18 boards), start at 6:30. cost \$5.00, and would have 2 sections (open and 0-300). Date to begin depends on NAP games already scheduled. TBA.

Andre, Lee Linda and Bridget volunteered to review and recommend updates to our Bylaws, since there have been some changes of late.

It was decided to investigate costs and township laws concerning purchasing a new sign for the club. Jim Johnson and Jack Rudy will check the township laws. Russ says there are many options for what kind of sign we get.

Linda and Bridget will hold a "Happy Birthday" game on a Sunday in August to celebrate anyone's birthday in that month. More to come on that.

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Meeting adjourned at 1:20P.M.

## **The Harrisburg Bridge Club**

349 North 21st Street  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

### **Treasurer's Report as of May 6, 2016**

	<b>December 2014</b>	<b>January 2016</b>	<b>May 2016</b>
<b>Initial Mortgage</b>	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>	\$111,574.15	\$97,462.12	\$84,497.39
<b>Checking Balance</b>	\$54,592.77	\$68,484.23	\$64,596.86

#### **Notes:**

1. As approved by HBC Board, applied \$10,000 from checking in January 2016 to reduce mortgage.
2. 2016 games' revenue through end of April is up \$1500 compared to same date in 2015, primarily due to Mentor and Brunch & Bridge games.
3. Snack/soda sales have generated a \$750 net profit this year to date.
4. Have received ~\$2300 in 2016 mortgage reduction donations, mostly in memory of deceased members
5. As approved by Executive Board, switched insurance coverage (building, contents & liability) from Liberty Mutual to Donegal, saving \$435 annually for similar coverage.
6. Financial review completed by Hank Heck in February 2016.

#### **Discussion Topics:**

1. Proposal from Bob Priest to purchase new Duplimate and boards (~\$3500, with possibility of selling old Duplimate for ~\$500)
2. Proposed funding transfer for mortgage reduction – another \$10,000?

## REPORT to the Board of Governors

*Submitted by Marcia Strittmatter May 12, 2016*

I regret that I am unable to join in the discussion at the meeting on Saturday (5/14), so I am submitting updates, *(from my perspective)* on **the 0-500 Game and Facebook. I also have comments on a pending project of the Education Committee** - teaching bridge to middle school students.

### 0-500 Game

**Number of Tables:** **Feb.**, 6 ½ tables; **March**, 9 tables and **April**, 6 tables.

**Directors:** Kitty Markley, Pam Murray, Linda Ivanoff & Kathy Harter. Debbie Hoveland has offered to direct on a regular basis.

**Guaranteed Partners:** Patsy Jacobs, Lynn Ahwesh, Cecile Hund, Mandy Fisher & myself.

**We need one more to have a total of 6** - then each GP will only be needed 2 x / year

(or 4 x / year if we have 2 games / month). **Any volunteers?**

*Many thanks to everyone contributing to the success of this new game!*

### Issues for Discussion:

- Whether or not to add a **second game / month**. If so, which weeks?
- Should the **Hand Analysis** be continued? Should it be moved to 12:00 Noon?

I would **prefer Non-consecutive weeks for 0-500 games**. There are pros & cons.

Weeks for the Game	PRO	CON
1st & 3rd has lessons	No interference with workshops	Same weeks as York
2nd & 4th 11:30 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri)	Players are used to 4th week	Cannot have Hand Analysis at  (It <b>COULD</b> start at

Noon)\*

**Suggestion:**

Let the players in attendance on May 27 have a voice in the decisions.

Attached is a **DRAFT survey** - **Please edit** the survey, as desired.

*Should we add* a reminder about **Workshops on 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday?** Is **ending at 3 PM** (vs 2:30\*) OK?

*My thoughts:* *If at least 50% of players in attendance on 5/27 vote YES, then add a 2<sup>nd</sup> game.*

### Facebook Update / May 14, 2016

You likely know that The HBC has had a **"personal"** Facebook page for a few years.

I was able to create a **"Business"** Facebook page a few months ago, but it seems impossible to safely delete the *original* account without risking the deletion of the newer page. If that happens, we would never be able to re-create a page using the words "Harrisburg Bridge Club". **I am still hoping someone will come forward with a solution.** I would appreciate help from someone who knows more about Facebook than I do.

Meanwhile, people still post to the old account (even me, by accident). I have left messages on the personal account directing people to search for the Harrisburg Bridge Club PAGE (need to include the word "page"), but it does not appear that others have found it. Alexis Peffer & myself are the only ones who have posted.

**Request:** If you have a Facebook page of your own, please go to: **"Harrisburg Bridge Club PAGE"**

and **"like"** it. Please also post a sentence or two or comment on a post already there. If you are unable to access the page, please let me know. It has a large *picture of the BOG officers at the top.*

The **username & password are also known by Alexis Peffer & Jack Rudy.** They can post as the club.

**FYI:** The difference is that our "personal" page has several "friends" and their family photos and comments appear automatically on the club page. This one has a large photo of the CLUB at the top of the screen.

**The "business" page does NOT show personal exchanges** - only posts made directly to that page.

This *COULD* become an active exchange of CLUB activities, but it needs more support.

**I do not plan to do any additional work on the page unless I see evidence of interest.**

### SCHOOL BRIDGE PROGRAM

I know that Jack Rudy will be discussing plans to explore the possibility of providing certified bridge teachers to local schools with a goal of developing an active youth bridge program affiliated with the Harrisburg Bridge Club.

Let it be known that **I enthusiastically support this idea!!!** It could be the lifeblood of our club in years to come.

The Education Committee will be exploring various ways the program can take shape, with the possibility of starting on a small scale at the Fredrickson Library.

I only recently learned that the ACBL has several educational programs (for all ages) - and the **SCHOOL program** is fully funded. Benefits include materials, text books, T Shirts and even a stipend for bridge teachers. Please go to this link for more details (posters, manual, articles on successful programs already in progress, sample letters, etc):

<http://www.acbl.org/teach/school-bridge-program/>

**School Bridge Club Brochure:**

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/teachers/schoolbridgeclubbrochure.pdf>

Additional programs (**College & Lifelong Learning**) can be accessed at:

<http://www.acbl.org/teach/>

If you want to **become a certified bridge teacher**, check out

<http://www.acbl.org/teach/become-a-teacher/teacher-accreditation-program-tap/>

for details about the **TAP Program** in **Washington, DC** this July, as well as **Lancaster, PA** in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marcia Strittmatter*