

## MINUTES OF THE HBC BOG MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2026

CALL TO ORDER – The HBC BOG’s meeting was called to order by President Andre St. Omer Roy at 10:01 AM on Saturday, January 24, 2026.

ROLL CALL- Also in attendance were Board members: Tom Anderson; Dave Charleston; Bill Even; Jeanne Foley; Georgi Hess; Cecile Hund; Jack Hund; Monica Knopf; Jeremy Lynch; Mike Mendelson; Ray Rizzo; Barb Roth; and Chris St. Omer Roy. A quorum of voting members was present. Not attending were: Jinan Bahia; Rebecca Bergey; Jim Boyer; Len Crumb; John DiLeonardo; Darius Kapadia; Tammy Stine; and Bridget Whitley. Bernadette Black arrived after the meeting started. Also present were HBC members Linda Ivanoff and Jan Leuenberger; and Jessie Gribble a member of the former Chambersburg Bridge Club.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2025 BOG MEETING MINUTES – Dave made a motion to approve these minutes which were previously circulated by email. This was seconded by Jeremy and the motion carried with no opposition.

### OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT’S REPORT - none

TREASURER’S REPORT- Chris then went over the 2026 Budget, noting the changes she had made to some categories and answering questions. A motion was made to approve the budget by Dave and seconded by Jeanne. The motion carried with no opposition.

She also noted that those being authorized to sign checks needed to go to First Commonwealth to complete paperwork on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. She will be establishing automatic payments through the bank for more of our bills and has added overdraft protection to our account. She is also switching to the online version of QuickBooks to more easily track revenue and expenses.

### MANAGERS’ REPORTS

HOUSE MANAGER’S REPORT – Mike reviewed recent work on the building and plans for the future. The heating system was serviced and filters cleaned. The snow and ice removal contract has been renewed. The printer has been serviced. The windows have been cleaned and will be cleaned twice a year going forward. The carpets in the playing

room will be cleaned every three months, the Education room carpet twice a year, and the chairs once a year. Len and Mike use Magic Eraser on the walls as needed.

He said that the cleaners appear to be doing a good job and are supposed to clean the playing tables once a month. He asked if this should be done more frequently in the winter. After discussion, it was decided that this wasn't necessary.

He brought up the fact that many of the chair cushions were flattening out and asked if they need attention. After discussion, it was decided that no action need to be taken.

He then noted that there are cold spots in the playing room and asked if space heaters were needed. It was decided that they were not necessary.

Lastly, he called attention to the new cup holders on a few of the tables and asked if it was worthwhile to adapt the rest of the tables. The tabletop extensions would need to be cut to size, sanded and varnished. It was decided not to do this.

Barb then complimented Mike on his work on the building and grounds. Ray then made a motion to accept the House Manager's report, which was seconded by Dave. The motion carried with no opposition.

**CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT** – In Jim Boyer's absence, Andre reported that the HBC table count was 3323 in 2023, 3497 in 2024, and 3817 in 2025. Linda noted that the Club was recently ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in the country in table count. She then mentioned that a new monthly women's pairs game would be starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month beginning in May.

Since the table count for the initial three weeks has been sufficient, the Friday 0-2500 game will be continued in February.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**MEMBERSHIP** – Bill stated that the membership had dropped 9% to 366 at the end of 2025, which has been about normal for the past 3 years. He named Richard Brode, Bob Reed, and Randi Flexner-Steckler as having applied for membership. Jeremy made a motion to accept these three as new members, which was seconded by Dave. The motion carried with no opposition.

Bill then explained his proposal for a new membership renewal policy to be used on a trial basis for 2027. He stated that those paying fees late caused a lot of extra recordkeeping and proposed a fee structure for renewing members to pay \$15 by December 15<sup>th</sup>, \$20 by December 31<sup>st</sup> and \$25 thereafter. This proposal would not apply to those who want to retain membership, but no longer come to the Club. There was discussion, mostly centering the "late fees" and the fact that it sends the wrong message since HBC is doing well financially. Georgi then proposed a motion to make the fee for renewing membership to be \$15 by December 15<sup>th</sup> and \$20 after that. This was seconded by Jeremy and the motion carried with no opposition.

Bill then noted that spreadsheets with member information would be available at the Club so that people could make any necessary updates before the new directory is printed in the spring.

Next, he mentioned that the DealMaster Pro (the duplimating software) is outdated and needs to be replaced. He said Bridge Composer is more modern and easier to use., It

costs \$24.95 and includes a 31day free trial. The consensus was that we should give it a try.

EDUCATION – Mike reviewed the activities of the Education Committee. He said that the monthly Pearls workshops, the mini-lessons on Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoons, and the 0-50 and 0-500 games on Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoons were all doing well. Many of the 0-50 players are moving up to 500 and 750 games.

Assisted Play games on some Wednesdays and Saturdays are helping beginning players to transition to regular Club games. The new mentoring program has matched many mentors and mentees who are playing in various games which is helping to improve players' skills, as well as adding to the table count.

The new BB3 class just started with 25 signed up.

The next Play and Learn five-week course will take place on Tuesday evenings in March and Dennis Shaub will be offering his 2/1 class on Thursday mornings in May.

He was asked about how the mentoring program was being tracked and said that evaluation forms would be filled out quarterly and that the current mentor/mentee lists were available on the Education page of the Club website.

CONDUCT, DECORUM AND ETHICS – John DiLeonardo has indicated that he will be resigning from the Board to move to Pittsburgh. Jeanne Foley volunteered to serve as the new CDC Chair. It was noted that the first recourse for any problem during a game is the game director. If needed, the Club Manager will be consulted. The CDE chair and committee would be called in only if there was still no resolution.

HOSPITALITY– Cecile noted that a number of the players in the 0-50 games had stepped up to bring food and assist her, especially with the monthly Saturday Brunch game.

SUNSHINE – It was noted that Bobbie Goodyear was doing a terrific job in sending out condolence and get-well cards and does not ask for any reimbursement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –none

NEW BUSINESS – Jeremy nominated Linda Ivanoff to serve John Dileonardo's remaining term as a governor on the BOG. Chris seconded this motion and it carried with no opposition.

Next, there was discussion about the new local charity. After a lot of back and forth, Linda proposed a motion to name the Harrisburg Area Food Pantry as the local charity for 2026 in remembrance of Pam Murray who volunteered there when it was called the Ecumenical Food Bank. This was seconded by Jan and the motion carried with no opposition.

Jack mentioned that the Club was looking for caddies for the monthly Swiss game on Wednesday nights.

Then Jan Leuenberger took the floor to give information about the new satellite game she was proposing for the Chambersburg area. She explained that the Chambersburg Club was dissolved during the pandemic, but recently several former members of that Club approached her to ask about the possibility of running a game there under the auspices of HBC. After talking to Bob Priest, who contacted ACBL about it, they discovered that it could be done; but that since HBC does not have a Tuesday AM sanction, the Chambersburg group would need a separate ACBL sanction, which HBC has obtained. The games will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 9-11AM beginning in April. Jan has agreed to be the primary director and Jim Boyer, our Club Manager, has said that he will assist in training/retraining another director. The game fee will be \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members, which HBC will administer. Players in the new game will be encouraged to become HBC members.

Jan emphasized that the former Chambersburg players have been very active in retrieving Bridgemates, table mats, bidding boxes, and even the old Club's computer. They have also been contacting former Chambersburg players about the new game, have found a cost-free venue at Mennohaven in Chambersburg, and plan to recruit players from that community.

There was some discussion about other details. Jan will need to pick up predealt boards from HBC every two weeks. This will mean a bit more work for the duplimating team. If the old computer doesn't function, Jan will use her laptop. The method of posting the results from this game to HBC and ACBL will need to be finalized.

Linda made a motion to approve having an HBC satellite game at Chambersburg, which was seconded by Dave. The motion was carried with no opposition.

NEXT MEETING – Andre called the next meeting for Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 10 AM.

ADJOURNMENT – Dave made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Chris. The motion carried with no opposition and the meeting was adjourned at noon.