

PURITAN BRIDGE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES

Date: 8/6/24

Time called to order: 1:30pm

Board Members present: Chris Gorton, Mimi Roos, Nora Schneider, Larry Schell, Jeff Sweeney, Elaine Sheeran, Jennie Koenicke, George Melman, Nancy Mullen

Absent: Maureen Cullen, Dianne Ritchie

Members present: Peter Griff, Bob Prevoir

Secretary: Mimi- Notes accepted

Treasurer: George- Current balance \$28,197.95, which includes a \$10,000 payment for A/C with another \$18,000 payment in August. We have switched our internet service from regular Verizon to Verizon FIOS with a \$70 per month savings. Table counts remain steady.

House: Nora and Jeff- Chris will be submitting rebate forms soon for A/C. It should take 6-8 weeks to receive them. With the rebates received A/C will be \$4,000 and without them will be \$16,000. Annual fire inspection is scheduled for tomorrow. Front door lock needs to be evaluated by a locksmith as it does not close properly. We need new outdoor signage, but we will table discussion until after we receive our rebates and our bank balance is back up.

Membership: Dianne Ritchie- nothing.

Bridge: Jennie- 1. Swiss on 9-11 will be run by Gary P. He will do pre-dealt boards. Jennie wants to give him an extra \$20. 2. Jennie has been scheduling Saturday directors for Gautam until he is ready to return, hopefully in 4 weeks. 3. Jennie feels the \$1 players, i.e., directors (5), life members (3), club manager and treasurer should not be increased on special games where ACBL charges us an extra table fee (but not including STAC where everyone pays an extra \$2). She made a motion to that effect. Nora seconded it and it passed 5 to 3. 4. Jennie requested that directors be paid an additional \$10. At the present time they are paid \$90 for up to 8 tables and \$5 extra for each additional game. George and

Mimi wanted to know what other clubs pay directors. Jennie had some figures, but they were for private, non-open games and were paid larger amounts, often over \$200. It was stated that Tim paid his directors \$150 at Westwood. \$10 Increase was approved, with further discussion about another increase next year after we get our rebates. There was discussion about holiday gifts for directors but people felt would be confusing because some directors direct multiple days. 5. There was significant discussion about people who are taking snacks, often multiple packages, home after the game. Larry suggested we put snacks away after penultimate round, but there is no one to do it and people still go into cabinet, even with "do not open" sign on door. It was decided that Nora would put up a sign saying food is only for consumption during the game. Mimi volunteered to make a similar announcement at Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday games, and Peter will do Friday.

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. Cost will be \$10 and members may bring guests if they want. We will run a 50/50 raffle and the winner will be picked at the BBQ. We will begin selling tickets at one for \$5, 3 for \$10 on September 2.

Club Manager: Elaine Sheeran- Mentor game will be October 14. At that time there will be the raffle drawn for a night at the theatre for 3 people with dinner and transportation, generously donated by Larry S.

OLD BUSINESS: George suggested we need to continue periodic email blasts. Nancy Mullen has volunteered to teach a beginner bridge class at the Braintree Adult education program. Nominating committee is not needed as slate is remaining the same because all current members have indicated that they plan to remain in their positions. Annual meeting will be 9-24, as the 17th is not good for many board members. Mimi will post slate.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next meeting: September 24, 2024

Moved to adjourn at: 2:50pm