

**CHARLOTTE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

Greg called the meeting to order at 4:00

**In Attendance via Zoom:** Greg LeBlanc, Susan Lee, Dave Heymann, Gainor Eisenlohr, Rich Welch, Chris O'Conner, Cathy Miller, Debbie Enna, Janet Case and Len Case

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

**Thursday Game** – Group consensus that the Thursday game be cancelled, effective immediately, because attendance has been poor. Colleen McMahon has requested an open game on Tuesday. Greg will contact her to inquire how much attendance she believes this game could have. A poll will be sent to the membership to gauge interest in an evening game.

**Elections** - 3 members will roll off the board at the end of Dec, 2023: Veronica Barnes, Gainor Eisenlohr and Rich Welch. Sue Peck and Avril Price had agreed to be on the ballot. Several other names were discussed and various Board members will contact them to gauge interest and report back in a week. The ballots will be distributed electronically in December.

**Financials** – Chris reported on the October financials that had previously been sent to all Board members. Cash flow is adequate to operate through the remainder of this year. Special events (Sectional tournament, on-line games, Jerry Helms seminar) are making positive contributions. The Investment account is down due to higher interest rates (lower bond prices). This will be discussed with the Investment Advisor at the meeting in November.

**Events**

October Sectional was well attended. Financial results are not in yet, but it should be positive. Having the NAP D7 finals in conjunction with the Sectional increased attendance and was positive for Charlotte to host a district event. Discussion of the May 2024 Sectional was deferred.

Jerry Helm Seminar will be November 16 and currently has 59 paid registrants. After the seminar is completed, inquiries will be made about another seminar in April 2024

The next Over/Under Game is Sunday, Nov 19th. Greg will ask the attendees if they want a December Over/Under game.

Next GNT Club Qualification Game will be on Saturday, Dec 9. (The D7 STAC starts on Dec 11, so there should be no conflict). Suggestions were made to reach out to clubs in the surrounding area and encourage them to participate.

D7 Royal Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STACs) will be week of Dec 11. Participants can receive gold, silver, red and black points. Greg will ask Susan Wade to send out a communication to club members.

GNT Flight B and C D7 Finals will be Sat/Sun March 9/10, 2024. The District is responsible for everything for this event.

2025 Charlotte Regional – There was discussion of changing the venue. The group agreed there is a bias to staying at the Hilton University as long as their rates and contract terms remain reasonable.

**Building Lease** – Rich reported that he has asked the county for a new lease but has not received one. The existing one continues until a new one is signed.

**Bridge Library** - Many thanks to Susan Lee for getting this in order. There are beginner books in the main playing room and intermediate/advanced in the break room (where the vending machines used to be).

**Investment Committee** – Meeting scheduled for Thursday Nov. 9 at 3:30 pm. Chris will provide a summary to the Board after the meeting.

**Next Meeting will be Thursday, December 7 at 4:30 via Zoom.**

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