

Longview Bridge Club
Steering Committee Meeting - Monday, December 26, 2022

The meeting was held at the Kelso Senior Center and was called to order at 10:45 am.

Attending were Rich Carle, Marie Muller, Sharon Nordmark, and Wayne Winther.

Rich reported the the LBC finances are in excellent shape due to the online game revenue. However, both online and in-person game attendance has fallen off since beginning of the year.

Raising the in-person card fee from \$4 to \$5 was rejected.

There is still a strong need for a back-up director. Games must be canceled when Rich is unavailable. Someone from Vancouver or Chehalis could be called upon, but the current poor attendance does not support that option.

A charitable donation was discussed. World Central Kitchen was mentioned as well as purchasing new chairs for the Center. It was agreed to look into price and availability of chairs before making a decision (and see next item). (Subsequent to the meeting, Wayne suggested we consider helping the people of Ukraine at [Hope For Ukraine](#) charity website.)

The City of Kelso has set aside \$600,000 for improvements to the Center according to Councilman Jim Hill. The KSCA officers are preparing a list of potential projects for consideration.

We need to increase participation at our games. In the new year, Rich will send out an invitation to all the members encouraging their return to in-person play.

It was suggested to have a Welcome Back Party. Rich will follow up.

Whether to continue the "vaccination required" policy was discussed via email after the meeting. There was no consensus, so for now the policy will remain in effect.

Another post-meeting suggestion was to put a weekly notice in the Daily News similar to what is done by the Hiking Club. Also consider the Reader and/or neighborhood papers. We could offer free introductory play or lessons to visitors and encourage watching a game.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Carle

Rich Carle – acting for the Secretary