

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2024

Sea Breeze Recreation Center

The Annual Meeting of the Villages Duplicate Bridge Club, Inc., a 501© (7) corporation located in The Villages, Florida was held on March 3, 2024, in accordance with the By Laws of the organization. The meeting to which all members were notified to attend was held at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center, The Villages, Florida.

President James O'Brien called the meeting to order at 11:00am. He welcomed the approximately 30 members who were in attendance.

President O'Brien introduced the 2024 Board members:

Vice- President	Nancy Turner`
Secretary	Merle Erlich,
Recorder	Russ Pearly,
	Margaret Sarno
	Jon Williams
	Judy Smith
	Vern Sikora (excused)
	Dutch Dresser (absent)

Thanks and acknowledgement of long service to our club were given to retiring Board members: Paul Matheson, Charlie Showalter, and Carol Ketterer.

Jim O'Brien went on to recognize, describe duties, and thank our administrative staff, past and present, for their dedication, effort, and service to the Villages Duplicate Bridge Club.

- 1) Donna Brown : Club Manager (venue permits, game sanctions, and more)
- 2) Tom Tessier: Treasurer
- 3) Deb Brunhoehler: Webmaster
- 4) Joe Latchaw: Data base/reservations manager
- 5) Julio Galvez and Greg Frank : IT support taking over from Rich Seidman
- 6) Russell Pearly: Club Recorder receives complaints re: negative player behavior
- 7) Denise Frandrup: Card Board Preparation
- 8) Margaret Sarno: Supervises distribution of game boards to the correct venues
- 9) Gordon Pfeiffer: Weekly EBlasts
- 10) Bob Fashingbauer: Mentor Game Coordinator
- 11) Education Coordinator: Harry Messenheimer, taking over from Marilyn Schmidt.
- 12) Teachers
 - a. Paul Matheson
 - b. Marilyn Schmidt
 - c. Deb Brunoehler
 - d. Rich Seidman
 - e. Janet Mathews (resigned)

13) John Quinn & Pat Holmes: Head Game Directors

14) Game Directors

John Quinn	`Pat Holmes	Pam Campbell
Paul Matheson	Caroline Davies	Dutch Dresser
Greg Frank	Anita Piotrowski	Bob Fashingbauer
Marilyn Schmidt	Ann Smallen	Bruce Thiher
Doug Smith	Andrea Wolff	

President O'Brien presented a 2023 "Year in Review" and plans for 2024

- 21 weekly Face to Face Games with 9,600 tables in 2023
- Three Teaching Games for under 100 mps continue to attract many new players
- Successful November 2023 and January 2024 Tournaments
- Two additional tournaments planned for June and November, 2024
- Expansion of Mentor/Mentee Program to support all levels of players to begin April, 2024
- Commencement of ACBL Pop Up Events offer players the opportunity to earn 50%red/50% black points during special monthly games on Sundays throughout the year.
- Affiliation with SE Carolina, an online consortium of 180+ North American clubs
 - SE Carolina offers members a back-up online option to play when here or away
 - When our members play in a SE Carolina online game, the club receives a monetary percentage
 - The club is also a F2F partner in the ACBL Online Table Surcharge Program which also provides the club with a monetary percentage
 - SE Carolina online games can be found on the BBO website under the Virtual Clubs tab. Enter SE in the search area to obtain a list of available games

A motion was made and seconded to accept and waive the reading of the February 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes (located on the Club website).

President O'Brien then turned the floor over to Treasurer, Tom Tessier who distributed a copy of the 2023 Club Financial Highlights and 2024 Plan..

<u>2023 Actual</u>		<u>2024 Projected</u>
• The Club's total income for 2023 was	\$171,014	\$202,600
• The Club's total expenses for 2023 were	\$173,738	\$197,350
• Club's Net Income was -	\$ -2,724	\$ 5,230
• The Club's Equity balance as of 12/31/23 is` `` `` `` `` `` ``	\$ 65,723	\$ 70,953
• Certificates of Deposit:	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
• Checking Account:	\$ 12,674	\$ 17,90

Tom Tessier noted that our goal for 2023 was to break even and we came close. He added that our educational income was \$1800. The 2024 projections are based on an estimated 5% increase in tables, the anticipated revenues from our additional June Tournament, CD interest and projected SE Carolina revenue (anticipated \$500/month).

President O'Brien opened the meeting for a general question and answer period and invited members to participate. The following concerns were expressed:

- Poor condition of Bridgemates: Apparently, there is a procedure to check and repair. The Board will address this issue and make recommendations.
- Adam Parrish Seminar: Considered successful with over 80 participants.
- Failure to see news of our Club in the Sunshine News or ACBL monthly Bulletin: We have a volunteer PR person who has been successful in advertising our events locally, but not yet in the above publications. Paul Matheson noted that in his 15+ years in the Club we have not been mentioned. He explained that our District covers the Pan Handle to South Florida. Paul is on the District Board of Directors and mentioned that there is the future possibility of becoming our own Unit.

President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am and invited those staying for the 1pm Pop Up game enjoy a Pizza lunch provided by the Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Merle Erlich, Secretary

