

VILLAGE CARD CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting

April 20, 2015

President, Teri LaBove, called the meeting to order at 4:25 P. M.

Attending: Teri LaBove, Ned Irving, Mickey Bearden, Phil Michaelson, Alan Trippel, Norma Marvel, and Suzanne Stofer. Also present were Greg Frank, Club Manager and Pat Bertnolli, Parliamentarian.

Absent: Tony Hoffman and Donna Herter.

Deleted from the agenda: Internet Access by Greg Frank.

Minutes of the March 23, 2015 were approved.

Officers and Directors

Alan Trippel-Program Director-Announced that the Ouachita Room is now being rented for use by either the Rubber Bridge Group or the Education Classes on Tuesday Mornings. He gave an in-depth report on Table Count Year to Date. The series games are going well. Copy of his report is on file with the secretary.

Education-Suzanne Stofer-There were approximately 20 players from VCC in attendance at the Gatlinburg Regional down about 50% from usual attendance. A number of new classes are being offered and are displayed on the Education Bulletin Board. Modules of class materials are being developed for use at VCC and made available to Unit clubs. It is suggested that "The Card Turner" be purchased for the libraries at our local schools to promote bridge classes in schools. This idea was well received and research will be made into using the purchase as one of our chosen charity recipients. Volunteers are need for the upcoming Regional tournament to be held in Hot Springs. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board.

Treasurer-Ned Irving-Reviewed the 4/11/2015 Cash Flow Summary and March 31st Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements. Copies of these reports are on file with the Secretary.

Secretary-Mickey Bearden-Has followed up on the board request to create an electronic trail of changes to our governing documents. The 2011 changes cannot be traced due to incomplete documentation in the minutes of General Membership meetings for that year. No changes in governing documents shall be made on the web in the future unless they contain the date change was made. She was asked to make suggestions for rules containing better documentation, security and flow of information from one year to the next.

Marketing Committee-In the absence of Donna Herter, Mickey Bearden presented her report. Copy is on file with the Secretary.

Phil Michaelson-Logistics-Will be away for a month starting on May 5th. Teri LaBove and Greg Frank will be in charge of purchasing and receiving in his absence. Proposed budget for logistics is in progress.

Member Services-Norma Marvel-Presented a new membership application that will cover permission to print personal information in the bridge directory and on the web. Membership to date is 556 members.

Club Manager-Greg Frank-Announced that due to illness Tony Hoffman will not be able to Direct for some time. He has arranged for coverage of his duties until his return. Names of directors that are certified for defibrillator use will be posted at the club. VCC boards, cards, dealing machine and 42 bridge pads will be used at the SPA City Regionals for approximately \$1000 fee. He met with the C&E Committee representatives on 4/7/2015. Some issues remain unresolved.

New Business

The Conduct and Ethics Committee-All of the C&E Committee members were present at the meeting. Becky Rice, Chairman, represented the Committee and presented their stand on ZT Policy. In accordance with their request, their email statement and complete report is on file with the Secretary.

Motion was made by Ned Irving to reaffirm that the Standing Rules for Zero Tolerance and C & E, as well as the bylaws specifying the Club Manager's authority are in effect in the club. The Standing Rules for Zero Tolerance and C & E have been in effect since 2007 and have served the club well. ACBL, the sponsoring organization, has, since then, updated its Zero Tolerance policy and recommendations, and the Club Manager has ideas on incorporating some of this at our club. Therefore, the Board requests that the Club Manager and the C & E committee work together to consider what changes, if any, should be made. The VCC Board expects there will be thorough and appropriate discussions, representing points of view of the club manager and of C & E, and involving as needed other(s) with expertise in this area, After conclusions are reached, specific recommendations should be brought back to the VCC Board.

Becky Rice, C & E Chair, went on record that she was not the person who asked for the previous meeting with the club manager and that request was made by Teri LaBove, President.

Spring Fling Tournament-Report was read by Teri LaBove, President, and is on file with the Secretary.

Ratify e-mail vote-Motion made by Mickey Bearden that the vote passed by email vote to purchase playing cards be ratified. Motion carried.

Addition of Johnnie Niemann to Web Committee-Motion by Alan Trippel to confirm the appointment of Johnnie Niemann, to replace Fran Bazemore, on the Web Committee. Motion carried.

Teri LaBove announced there was very little water damage from the broken pump in the AC unit.

General discussion was held on progress of ideas and initiatives to grow membership.

Motion by Teri LaBove to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM. Next board meeting will be Monday, May 18th.

Mickey Bearden, Secretary