

THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY April 9, 2018

Peggy Ross, President, called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. In attendance were board members Annie Dethardt, Mary Jenkins, Teri LaBove, Andy Cosby, Alan Trippel, Ginna DeThomas, Greg Frank and Carole Trainer. Cathy Bertrand was absent. Louallen Thomassen was also there briefly to comment on Andy Cosby's motion on the Standing Rule 3 change.

Peggy Ross asked for corrections to the March minutes. Minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:

Alan Trippel asked Greg Frank about the status of our lease agreement with the POA. Greg responded that Wilson Day researched alternative venues and allocated POA costs in order to prepare an initial negotiating position. Much progress is being made by the Long Range Planning Committee and a meeting with the POA will be scheduled soon.

Director and Officer Reports

Annie Dethardt reported that we have 513 paid members and 73 are new since last October. That is an increase of 7% from last month. 102 members have not renewed. Annie added that she and Peggy Ross met with an employee of SuddenLink who would like to sponsor our Silver Lode tournament in return for a table there promoting her company. She mentioned asking corporate for a \$1000 sponsorship and will have an answer in the next few weeks. Board agreed that would be very helpful.

Mary Jenkins passed out 3 spread sheets showing Cash Flow, Table Counts, and Profit and Loss. The loss in March was less than \$500 which was good. Final numbers on the recent tournament are not available yet but \$16,522 was deposited; however, a lot of expenses will be coming out of that.

Andy Cosby reported that table count was up some. Last year was the worst with table count down 10% from the previous year. He believes we may have turned the corner now.

Alan Trippel said Easy Bridge is continuing with about a dozen people. A course in Slam Bidding will be offered this summer. Pinochle lessons are scheduled for 3 Wednesday mornings in May. Post and Pre-game mini lessons for novice players are also on the agenda.

Teri LaBove stated that she advertised as usual, wherever and whenever she could, with ads in the E-blasts, recreation section in the Voice, radio, etc. Also she had a recommendation from someone to set up a Face Book page for the VCC and will be looking into that. Info on the

bridge club will be provided at the April Newcomers Coffee. Teri says she is open to any and all suggestions.

Greg Frank attended the Nationals in Philadelphia and picked up some good info at the Board of Governor's meeting. He had a good discussion about on-line Director Training for clubs and a better scoring program to make it easier for new Directors to score the games.

NEW BUSINESS

Andy Cosby made a motion to add 4 words to Standing Rule #3. Motion was passed 5 to 3 by secret ballot, which was requested by Andy. The amended rule will read as follows:

The ACBL General Convention Chart, the ACBL Alert Procedure and the ACBL Code of Active Ethics and Principle of Full Disclosure are incorporated into the Standing Rules and represent club policy regarding the issues covered.

Greg Frank looked into getting a land line phone for the club. The Magic Jack cell phone service we have now costs about \$60/year. A land line would cost about \$60 to \$70/month. All agreed that expense could not be justified right now and so was tabled for now.

Penalty for being late was discussed but decision was made to stick to the present policy.

Motion was made by Andy Cosby to approve Charity Games for April 10, 19, and 27. Motion was carried unanimously.

Peggy Ross indicated that she had talked to a Parliamentarian, Pat Bertnolli, about the Club Manager being allowed to vote and also to Ron Trainer, Chair of Constitution and ByLaws. They all agreed to table this motion until later.

The motion to increase the Club Manager's salary was tabled for future discussion. In the meantime, Peggy Ross established an ad hoc committee to look at club manager salaries.

Annie Dethardt made a motion to adjourn at 5:10 and it passed.

Submitted by Carole Trainer, VCC 2018 Secretary