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Board of Directors' Minutes

Meeting held April 8, 2019 @ VCC

Call to Order:

The 4th meeting of the 2019 Board Meeting was called to order at 4:23 PM.

- All members but Candace were in attendance.
- March minutes were accepted and approved by everyone.
- April agenda was accepted and all approved.

Guest speaker:

Julie Hardart, representing the VCC Cribbage Club gave an informative talk about the game. Interesting to note that it is one of the fastest growing games with master point tournaments across the country and grass root points at the club level. Winners are awarded monetary and/or prizes depending if at regionals or clubs. For more information on the American Cribbage Congress, please go to their website: www.cribbage.org. Games at VCC are on Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM.

Director & Office reports:

- Linda reported that we have 444 members plus 77 new members for a total of 521. We have 143 non-returning members. It was noted that there needs to be a better way to determine if members have moved, deceased, etc. so as to be more accurate with numbers.
- Michael reported that our financial health is meager, but we do have money in the bank.
- Andy reported that table count is slightly down from last year. Evening games dropping off and morning limited games shrinking. Open games are fine, but the others need attention.
- Candace was not present so player development and mentor program status not reported. It was noted though that the entry level programs are to begin in September.
- Logistics and marketing not discussed
- Annie reported that the Long Range Planning committee is to meet next week. She has six members on her committee besides herself. They will discuss the "mission and vision" of the committee at this meeting.
- Teri's report is attached (Attachment 1) and shows the communications, etc. that she and her committee have been making.

Old Business:

- Teri received an updated report from Spring Fling Tournament co-chair Norinne Nelson. The update includes a timetable, improvements, and helpful suggestions for next year's chairpersons.
- Collection of table fees during duplicate games will continue as each club director dictates. Alan will continue to use the envelope for the collection method. It is hoped that as everyone gets used to this new

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method and the minimum interruption at the table it causes, more directors will adopt it.

- Process for the table, chairs, and rug replacements has begun. Bids were sent out to 22 suppliers and we are waiting their answers.
- Phone system is still on hold as Russ just returned from vacation.
- Credit card status and insurance for employment practices liability insurance not shared at this meeting.

New Business:

- VCC hospitality at tournament discussed. Cathy expressed concerns that the person taking charge for the new year is not being educated as to what all is involved. Alan, as club manager, volunteered to address updating/writing a manual to be passed along each year showing these procedures, responsibilities, and duties.
- Motion by Teri to change tournaments that are hosted by VCC to be three days and not four days and to be effective immediately was discussed and passed. Vote in favor was six to one from those present. (Linda had to leave early so not present.) The motion and the rationale presented by Teri is attached as Attachment 2.
- Financial reports regarding Profit & Loss Prev. Year Comparison, Statement of Cash Flows, and Spring Fling data sheet were passed out by Michael and will be filed if necessary on website.
- Alan announced Ginna Domm and Martha McAllister will co-chair the Silver Lode Tournament this August.
- Alan went over the survey results he received. These results are on website with the "written" answers on file at Director's table.
- Guaranteed partnership pros and cons were discussed. It was decided to give this a trial period of 30-60 days beginning in May to see if worthwhile to continue. Volunteers will be asked to come in at different games to be on hand to fill in if someone shows up without a partner, or if their partner fails to show. The volunteer, if needed, will not be charged to play. If not needed, they will receive a \$3.00 free game pass to use at another time.

Future Business:

- Updating Standing Rules and other ruling documents on website to show motions approved by previous boards; such as the Open games and 750 games not scheduled on same day.
- Phone system
- Update on bids for table, chairs, and rug replacements
- Division of Club Manager's responsibilities. Necessary or not?

Adjourned:

Motion made to adjourn at 6:09 PM and all approved.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR REPORT

April 2019 Board Meeting

The Committee and Director Teri LaBove have:

Published a monthly Newsletter

Post the Players of the Month – Bulletin Board & Website

Submitted Articles to the local newspapers

Submitted info to the Club Calendar & Card Capers in the Voice

KVRE – Community Calendar

POA Eblast for April Defense Class

HSV Chamber of Commerce Eblast

Rack cards distributed to the POA, Chamber and local businesses Committee is working on a newer Rack card

Attended the POA Newcomers Coffee

VCC TV - Post Club information and pictures

Assisted in advertising the 2019 Spring Fling Sectional

Monitored the Facebook page

Submitted by

Teri LaBove

Marketing Director

VCC Tournaments Motion

Motion for VCC Board Meeting April 2019

I move: All Village Card Club bridge tournaments will be three day tournaments to be held on Friday through Sunday.

To be included in the Tournament Policies, which is part of the Standing Rules, effective immediately.

Rational:

ACBL approves three day tournaments for Open & IN Sectionals & IN Regionals.

Unit 161 has requested all Sectionals & IN Regionals hosted by Unit 161 clubs to be three day because most clubs close during these tournaments. Otherwise, it becomes very costly for local clubs to close. This would also impact their willingness to participate.

Past VCC tournament chairs have endorsed three day vs four day.

It cost more for four day: ACBL directors, room rent for playing area and housing for ACBL directors, lost revenue from our regular club games.

In the past, our three day table count is comparable to our four day.

It inconveniences our non-sanction games (Cribbage & Better Bridgers) on Wednesday evenings to set up for four day tournaments.

It puts a strain on our senior members to host a four day event.

Thank you,

Teri LaBove