

THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEEETING

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015

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

Present: Teri LaBove, Tony Hoffman, Ned Irving, Mickey Bearden, Phil Michaelson, Norma Marvel, and Donna Herter. Lois Schoenrock served as Parliamentarian. Greg Frank, Club Manager, was present.

Absent: Suzanne Stofer and Alan Trippel.

Mickey Bearden moved to approve the June 15, 2015 minutes. Motion carried. The Agenda was approved without additions or deletions.

Officer and Director Reports

Secretary-Mickey Bearden-No report

Vice President-Tony Hoffman-No report.

Treasurer-Ned Irving-Presented the 2015 Cash Flow Summary which included a shortfall estimate of \$12,737 for the entire year. Table Count is down 6%. Copy of this report is on file with the Secretary.

Member Services-Norma Marvel-We have 569 members. Cost of membership directories was \$448.

Logistics-Phil Michaelson-60 dozen replacement playing card sets have been purchased at a cost of \$1250. Cards are replaced 3 times a year.

Education-Suzanne Stofer was absent. A report was sent to the board by e-mail. The Module development for classes in play of the hand and defense is off the ground. Dick Heil, Tony Gunn and Ned Irving have met to discuss a series of classes that meets the needs of clubs unit wide. Dick Heil, Tony Gunn and Greg Bono are developing a framework for those classes. Education Committee has met with Andy Cosby regarding EasyBridge!, Wednesday Play and Learn and Slam Bidding Series. Report is on file with the Secretary.

Program Director-Alan Trippel was absent. A report was sent to the board by e-mail. June games are down 4.5% for the month. For financial planning, he recommends an estimate of table count decreasing 6% for the year. Report is on file with the Secretary.

Marketing Director-Donna Herter-Reported a very productive meeting with Russ Choyce, Web Master. Russ is out of town and a web committee meeting will be called when he returns.

Club Manager-Greg Frank-Greatest club jeopardy is lack of directors and existing directors ability to manage games with ACB score and Bridge Pads. He is researching ACBL channels to obtain access to Best Practices from other clubs around the country. Slow play continues to be a reoccurring problem with some players. Report on file with Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS

Tournament Lunches-Motion, tabled at the June 15th Board Meeting, that the players pay \$5 toward the cost of Friday and Saturday lunches at the 2016 Spring Fling and Silver Lode Tournaments and the

club subsidize what is needed for a quality lunch was brought forward for a vote. Motion carried, 4 for, 2 against and 1 abstaining.

Logistics Budget-Phil Michaelson, director, moved that an annual budget of \$9550 be approved. He reported that club supplies are up 39%. Motion carried. Copy of the budget is on file with the Secretary.

Hospitality Budget-Karen Nagy-Co Chair-Provided a list of events for the year that require expenditures for her committee. She agreed that the approved existing budget of \$2000 would be an adequate amount.

New Business

Mickey Bearden made a motion to ratify the e-mail vote on Lions eyeglasses box at the VCC. Motion carried.

Tony Hoffman withdrew his motion to prealert Precision systems at VCC.

Phil Michaelson moved that the amendments to the Game Directors Practice Manual be approved.

Motion passed.

Longest day report is on file with the Secretary.

ACBL bidding and Alert article in the ACBL Newsletter was called to the attention of the board. Donna Herter will include information in an e-blast to the members.

A productive meeting has been held with Club Manager and President regarding overlapping authority and working together for the benefit of the club members.

Board member protocol when they receive a club member complaint was discussed and will be brought forward to the next meeting.

C&E Standing Rules Changes-Ned Irving presented a list of updates to the Village Card Club Conduct and Ethic Committee Guidelines for Committee Members. Those changes are appended to and made a part of the minutes.

- 1) Ned Irving made the motion to add to the Zero Tolerance Policy, paragraph one, last sentence-“The playing area is defined as being from the time one arrives at the club premises to the time one leaves”. Motion carried.**

C&E Chair and Committee were present and extensive discussion followed regarding the other recommendations. The C&E recommendations to the Board are on file with the Secretary.

- 2) Tabled for further discussion.
- 3) No action taken pending further discussion.
- 4) Motion by Ned Irving: “If C&E has any doubt about jurisdiction they must defer to the VCC board for direction or a decision. Such interpretations of the Constitution and ByLaws are defined exclusively by the VCC Board using as general guidance the Constitution and ByLaws, Standing Rules, Roberts Rules of Order, and their overall governing authority.(Secretary and C&E Chair please use your discretion on the exact location to add to the appropriate document.) Motion passed.**
- 5) Delay for further study.

- 6) Delay for further study.
- 7) Research is to be made on the ACBL Code of Disciplinary regulations 3.7.2 with the possibility of using the exact same wording.

Norma Marvel submitted her resignation as Member Services Director. Teri LaBove moved to accept her appointment of Johnnie Niemann to fill the Member Services Director term for the remainder of the year. Motion carried.

Ned Irving reported on the Unit Board Meeting.

Teri LaBove made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 17, 2015 at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Bearden, Secretary

C&E Standing Rules changes proposed by Ned Irving:

1. The playing area is defined as being from the time one arrives at the club to the time one leaves. (Add to Zero Tolerance Policy, paragraph one, last sentence.)
2. C&E may not reach a conclusion regarding a member's guilt or innocence without giving them the chance to defend themselves in person. If the person has other plans that cannot be changed the committee should use good judgment and reschedule the meeting at a mutually agreeable time. An exception can be made for this if the accused does not make a reasonable effort to attend. Examples of a reasonable excuse are out of town for any reason, illness or personal need of a close family member, and non-discretionary appointments of an important nature. (Secretary – please use your discretion on the exact location to add into the Conduct & Ethics Committee” document, a part of Standing Rule # 7.)
3. C&E must always ask the game director for their feedback and input on any infraction that happened in or around the game at the club. This requirement is in the interest of fairness to all to make sure that all information is secured. (Secretary – please use your discretion on the exact location to add into the Conduct & Ethics Committee” document, a part of Standing Rule # 7.)
4. If C&E has any doubt about their jurisdiction they must defer to the VCC Board, either for direction or for a decision. For example, Game Directors, the Club Manager, and VCC Board members (in certain and limited circumstances), may interact with players with regard to their conduct. Such interpretations are defined exclusively by the VCC Board using as general guidance the By Laws, Standing Rules, Roberts Rules of Order, and their overall governing authority. (Secretary – please use your discretion on the exact location to add into the Conduct & Ethics Committee” document, a part of Standing Rule # 7.)

5. C&E must ask both the accused and the accuser for names of others that could be called to testify because they witnessed the event. C&E must bend over backwards to avoid the potential perception of bias. There are those other than the plaintiff or defendant who may want to influence proceedings. C&E must recognize this reality and only involve others if via a preliminary interview their testimony is warranted – for example if they actually witnessed to the alleged infraction. If C&E allows someone with potential bias to give input, recognize that it may cast a shadow on the C&E proceedings. If C&E allows this it must be warranted and C&E may want to “balance” that input by allowing an additional witness from the other side. (Secretary – please use your discretion on the exact location to add into the Conduct & Ethics Committee” document, a part of Standing Rule # 7.)
6. There are times when the best judgment for C&E will be “no decision”. Occasionally the testimony of the accused and the accuser will not agree on the actual facts of the incident. Unless a preponderance of other evidence is present, it may be inappropriate to side with one version or the other, and if so, rendering a “no decision” may be the fairest outcome. The simplest of example of this is a situation where there are 2 accused, 2 accusers and no witnesses. If no agreement of the facts can be reached and there are no other witnesses that clearly substantiate one version or the other, C&E is required to render a “no decision”, unlike a Jury trial where sometimes the best presented argument may win the day. (Secretary – please use your discretion on the exact location to add into the Conduct & Ethics Committee” document, a part of Standing Rule # 7.)
7. There are times a small number of players may privately exchange comments with each other. A private and confidential conversation is not within the VCC jurisdiction even if it takes place at the club. (Wording from ACBL Code of Disciplinary regulations 3.7.2) (Secretary – please use your discretion on the exact location to add into the Conduct & Ethics Committee” document, a part of Standing Rule # 7.)