



Board of Directors' Minutes

Meeting held May 20, 2019 @ VCC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:

Alan Trippel

Vice President:

Annie Dethardt

Treasurer:

Mike Popkin

Secretary:

Francine McKay

Logistics Director:

Cathy Bertrand

Marketing Director:

Teri LaBove

Program Director:

Andy Cosby

Member Services Director:

Linda Prust

Player Development Director:

Candace Williams

Call to Order:

The 5th meeting of the 2019 Board was called to order at 4:30 PM.

- All members but Annie were in attendance.
- Mike had to leave early so gave his report at beginning of meeting.

Director & Office reports:

Mike gave everyone a handout covering what he wanted to report. (See attachment #1) The first item mentioned was that VCC has a YTD deficit income of \$218.94. The other items listed are entered in Old and New Business of this report.

Teri passed our three handouts which are attached. She also had the new Village Card Club flyer printed, and she passed out copies for everyone to view. See attachment #2 to view the Communication Director's report to the Board for this meeting.

Cathy reported that no abnormal expenses made, just the usual.

Linda reported that we have a total of 525 paid members (446 Renewals plus 79 New members). 118 members from 2018 have not renewed.

Candace reported:

- Vicki Jennings, with Vicki Poecker assisting, are working on EasyBridge in the Fall. She and Debra Christian are working on the Mentor-Mentee games.
- Dates are needed regarding the Thursday night games so they can be sanctioned for points to be awarded.
- Play and learn games will not be awarded points.
- 12 mentees having less than 50 points are signing up with three others thinking about it. Mentors will be needed.

Andy reported that table count in 2018 was up 5.5% from the previous year; and that, through April of this year, it is up 1.6% from the same period in 2018.

Alan reported:

- We have three new directors in training: Peter Schaff; Ken Frankenberger; Nelson Ford

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- Ginna Domm and Martha McAllister are co-chairing the Silver Lode Tournament (August 23-25) and will be meeting within the next 60 days.
- Annie did have a meeting with her committee and will give her report when present at next meeting.

Old Business:

Mike:

- New credit cards should be arriving in the next few days.
- New phone contract agreement with AT&T is progressing. The club would have “one” mobile phone hopefully with the same number as present. Locating the “pin” number required by Magic Jack to release the number is the holdup.
- On the last item regarding number of days for the club’s sanctioned tournaments, there is a typo. He recommends fees for Special Games to increase by \$1.00 (not \$2.00). Instead of paying \$4.00, the fee would be \$5.00.

Alan:

He sent an email to Nancy Luehring and the POA Board members making a formal request to delay replacement of tables and chairs beyond 2019. (See attachment #6) Measurements for the carpet have been made and replacement should be scheduled soon.

Teri:

She noted that the website still needs some reports/files updated. For example: A motion passed by the 2017 VCC Board on April 10th of that year, stated that a limited game running concurrently with the open games be for players with 500 points or less. That motion was approved with an effective date of May 01, 2017. Records on the website were not updated to show this change. (Francine, along with Alan, will update the necessary files before the June Board meeting.)

New Business:

- Special game fee increase mentioned in Mike’s handout and reported above under “Old Business”. He is suggesting the fee be increased by \$1.00 for all Special Games which would bring fee to \$5.00 instead of \$4.00. (This motion was tabled for now.)
- Open House: Plans for an Open House to market the Card Club was suggested by Alan. Thursday evening and/or Saturday discussed as a good time for scheduling it. More planning to be made with all game liaisons involved.

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- DBADD games to be performed starting June 1, 2019.
- Longest Day event: Planned for the 3rd Friday in June (6/21) with a silent auction. VCC umbrellas plus many items already obtained by Marcia Ballew.
- Tournament Policies:
 - * Motion made by Teri that the VCC Spring Fling, Silver Lode, IN Sectional or IN Regional bridge tournaments will be three (3) day tournaments to be held on Friday through Sunday. Motion was seconded by Francine and passed by six to 1 votes. (See attachment #3)
 - * Motion made by Teri regarding the Silver Lode Sectional Tournament to be a 0-750 NLM tournament beginning in 2020 was tabled until the September meeting. The motion was delayed until after this year's Silver Lode scheduled in August to see if necessary. (See attachment #4)
 - * Game Strats for Open in conjunction with limited games: Teri had Russ Jones explain (see attachment #5). Players can play in any or all the limited games offered on the same day, but they can not also play in an Open game on that day.

Future Business:

Semi-Annual Meeting scheduled second Thursday in June (6/13).

Adjourned:

Motion made to adjourn at 5:45 PM and all approved.

Treasurers Report- 5/20/19
Board Meeting

- Profit Loss Net ordinary income YTD... **-\$218.94**
- New Credit Card has been issued for Logistics Officer and Club Manager as of this date. All outstanding debit cards (logistics officer & Treasurer) are to be destroyed and will be voided once Credit cards are activated.
- New Phone contract agreement with AT&T has been drafted and is pending transfer of existing phone number from MagicJack to AT&T.
- Two new Short-Term CD's have been issued, replacing April 6, 2018 CD .25% rate with new 6-Mo. CD @ 1.295% w/new maturity 11/23/19; also, replacing May 23, 2018 6-Mo. CD .25% rate with new 10-Mo. CD @ 1.295% w/new maturity date of 3/23/2020.
- In Light of the board's decision to reduce the number of days for our two club sanctioned tournaments from 4 to 3 day tournaments, along with the current trends of downward tournament participation and incremental increase in operating expense, , I recommend we adopt Allan Trippel's suggestion to increase "Special Games" fees ~~\$2.00~~ \$1.00 per player.

Mike Popkin

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR REPORT May 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 updated information to the Club Calendar & Card Capers
in the Voice

KVRE – Community Calendar

POA Eblast for May regarding All Card games held at the VCC

HSV Chamber of Commerce Eblast

Rack cards distributed to the POA, Chamber and local businesses
Committee worked on a newer Rack card – Printed & will be
distributed

VCC TV - Post Club information and pictures

Assisted in advertising the 2019 Hot Springs Regional
Monitored the Facebook page

Submitted by
Teri LaBove
Marketing Director

VCC Motion Tournament Policy
Motion for VCC Board Meeting May 2019

I move:

Village Card Club Spring Fling, Silver Lode, IN Sectional or IN Regional 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:

To further clarify the motion passed at the April Board Meeting 2019 ACBL approves three day tournaments for Open & IN Sectionals & IN Regionals.

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

VCC Silver Lode Tournament

Motion:

I move:

The Silver Lode Sectional Tournament will be a 0-750 **NLM** tournament, starting in 2020.

Rational:

Our Silver Lode has been a NLM.

Non Life Master players don't want to compete with Life Masters for points. They are trying to become Life Masters.

Most of the Limited tournaments in our Unit have been NLM.

Past SL Tournament Chairs have not suggested not having a NLM.

Submitted by

Teri LaBove

May 20, 2019

Unit Wide Game

The Unit Wide Game can be held as an Open Game.

Players can play in the Open game, but not in any Limited game the same day

Players can play in any or all Limited games the same day, as they are all independent of each other. Players cannot also play in the Open game that day.

This was explained to me by Russ Jones, May 2019

Submitted by

Teri LaBove

May 20, 2019

To: Nancy Leuhring
Fellow Board Members
From: Alan Trippel
RE: Casa de Carta / The Village Card Club

As the Board member overseeing Recreation for Hot Springs Village I submit this letter to you.

In the Fall 2018 The Village Card Club (VCC) successfully signed a lease renewal for a 10-year period. The 500+ members of VCC are very pleased the partnership with the Property Owners Association is continuing for another decade.

One term of the agreed lease reads "... Lessor will replace card tables, chairs and flooring in 2019." Now, five months into the lease the board of VCC suggests and requests the replacement of the tables and chairs be postponed indefinitely. There are two factors we wish you and the other Board members consider.

1. There are 42 tables and 168 chairs to be replaced. This is a considerable investment for the POA to undertake at a time when the cash might be better spent on other desirable undertakings.
2. The existing tables and chairs, currently owned by the VCC, are extremely functional and in excellent working order. Our members find the single-pedestal tables stable and the fabric padded chairs are very comfortable. The replacement of the furniture will create a hardship for the VCC in three ways.
 - a. Identifying and then transporting the existing furniture to an organization willing to receive them would be expensive undertaking to the VCC.
 - b. If no willing recipient is identified the remaining option is to dispose of these items. This drastic step is environmentally unsound and also financially wasteful.
 - c. Four-legged stackable tables are not as accessible for physically handicapped residents or guests compared to the single pedestal tables. This might provide members or guest in wheel chairs, for example, a reason not to participate in our programs.

Another factor we request be considered is POA utilization. The lease permits the POA to use Casa de Carta for four weekends per year and any other time the VCC "... is not making use of the (facility)..." Our long-range plan is to expand and diversify the card and game offerings by bringing new amenity experiences (for example organized Mahjong or Chess games) to Hot Springs Village residents and guests. As a consequence, the non-utilization – if we are successful at implementing our strategy – reduces opportunities for the POA use the space.

Please consider this a formal request to delay the replacement of tables and chairs beyond 2019.

Respectfully submitted for consideration.
Alan Trippel
VCC, President & Club Manager