

The Village Card Club, Inc.

Board of Directors

November 16, 2015

Teri LaBove, President, called the meeting to order at 4:21 P.M. Present at the meeting were Teri LaBove, Tony Hoffman, Mickey Bearden, Ned Irving, Alan Trippel, Phil Michaelson, Suzanne Stofer and Johnnie Niemann. Also present were Pat Bertnolli, Parliamentarian, and Greg Frank, Club Manager. Absent was Donna Herter.

Alan Trippel moved that the board minutes of October 19, 2015 be approved. **Motion carried.**

Mickey Bearden asked that her requested agenda item regarding C&B change be dropped from the Agenda. Jane Moore, Election Chair, asked that handling of the report of the election chair at the annual meeting be clarified and it was placed on the Agenda. Motion made by Mickey Bearden to accept the agenda as modified. **Motion carried.**

There was no correspondence.

Officer & Director Reports

Mickey Bearden, Secretary, as part of her report, asked that a locking device be placed on one of the storage file cabinets for secure storage of Secretary and Education Chair material. Motion was made by Tony Hoffman that Phil Michaelson, Logistics, research the purchase of the locking device and ask Wally Johnson to install it. **Motion approved.**

Mickey asked that Pat Bertnolli give her opinion on the vote regarding Tournament lunches approved at the July 20, 2015. She advised that the motion is date sensitive and stands alone outside the standing rules on Tournaments. Mickey reported that she is in the process of preparing the Secretary records for transfer to the 2016 Secretary.

At the midyear membership meeting a motion was made by Lois Schoenrock, Chair of C&B committee, to amend Article V Elections-Section 10. Motion to amend the amendment by Andy Cosby, motion by Greg Bono to amend that amendment regarding all candidates being notified regarding election results, Greg's amendment to the amendment passed but before the preceding amendment by Andy Cosby and C&E's original amendment a motion was made to table those amendments. Tabled motions have to be placed back on the table within 3 months, if not, the amendments die. Therefore, no changes to Article V Elections-Section 10 have been made. The June 15, 2015 Semi Annual Meeting Minutes documents all of the above. Questions may be directed to Mickey Bearden, Secretary or Lois Schoenrock, C&E chair. Secretary's report is in the Secretary's files.

Tony Hoffman-Vice President-No Report

Ned Irving-Treasurer-Reviewed the Financial Reports for October. All are on file with the Secretary.

Alan Trippel-Program Committee-Only new game for November is a Thanksgiving Swiss flighted and stratified event. The challenge in 2016 is build table count to (a) provide as many low-stratification game as possible, (b) encourage players to experience playing up more frequently, (c) encourage very experienced players to play with players of lower skill levels to

assist them in skill and confidence building. He also reported that table count YTD is 6785.75. This is down 8.9% from the first 10 months in 2014. October table count for 2015 vs October last year is 14% lower. Report on file with Secretary.

Membership-Johnnie Niemann-total membership to date is 631. Report on file with Secretary.

Education-Suzanne Stofer-Ray Banks has taught a class on counting with 28 members attending. Bridge in schools project is postponed until next year. Ann Cosgrove is to donate old bridge boards, those not being usable at the club will be displayed for members to take home. Another Learn Bridge In a Day? is under consideration for next year.

Greg Frank-Club Manager-VCC has a new Access Point in the hallway and good wireless connectivity. The POA is working to improve the bandwidth. Negotiations with POA regarding new lease should begin early next year per POA Recreation Director Stephanie Heffer.

Old Business

Unit 161 Report - Ned Irving, Unit 161 President. Betty Schultz is the new Unit Recorder and Pat Williams is the new District Treasurer. Unit 161 has the best 2 year ACBL new member retention record in the District. Ned will run the Regional Tournament in 2017 and he is looking for HSV and Little Rock to co-chair that year with 2 new people, who will then run the regional tournament in 2019 and share the work load. National Tournament will be held in Memphis in 2019 and players from Unit 161 with tournament oversight or major committee experience are asked to consider volunteering as committee chairs for that event.

Annual Card Party-Ned Irving. Starting an annual card party next year should be a top priority, as a means to encourage new potential members to give us a try, thus growing our membership base. Other organizations are already successfully doing such a thing in the Village and we are the largest card club in the Village by far, so this is a natural fit for us.

Monitors-Tony Hoffman & Greg Frank-Flat screen commercial monitors with warranties were suggested. Little Rock is reported to have two monitors, one of which is a Power Point that constantly rotate the scores of all their bridge games. The other is used for announcements. Research is to continue with contact person Jay Lucas. Nothing should proceed on the monitors until we have user requirements from which a best possible solution may be proposed.

Meaning of Liaison-Tony Hoffman-Liaison means communication between two or more people or groups working together.

Organizational Chart-Mickey Bearden-A wide variety of opinions regarding the chart were discussed. It was agreed that all arrows be deleted except between Business Manager and Treasurer and between Player Development and Education Manager, list only liaisons that go with the position and not the person and all other committee assignments be excluded as that is the prerogative of the president who makes the appointment.

Job Descriptions-Club Manager-Motion made by Tony Hoffman to approve Club Manager Job Description. **Motion Carried.** Motion was made by Mickey Bearden to approve Web Master Job Description. **Motion carried.**

Job Description-President-Motion to approve with suggested changes by Tony Hoffman. **Motion carried.**

Fiscal Policy #12-Presented by Greg Frank and motion by Tony Hoffman to approve. **Motion carried.**

Proposed changes to Fiscal Policy # 12

12, Christmas Bonuses

- a. \$25 plus card to each POA employee (custodians & secretaries) presented by President.
- b. card plus 8-game sheet of table fee coupons to directors who are Directors in Charge for 4 or more games per month presented by Club Manager
- c. card to all those directors who are Directors in Charge less than 4 games per month presented by the Club Manager
- d. card plus \$20 bill to Game Coordinators (BetterBridgers, Rubber Bridge) presented by Club Manager
- e. card to Business Manager, Webmaster, and Computer Manager presented by President
- f. card to all teachers and mentors who are not also directors presented by Education Manager
- g. cards will be purchased by President and reimbursed by Business Manager

Nominations-Phil Michaelson-Only one board position remains open and that is Program Director. Nominations close at midnight Wednesday.

Jane Moore asked the board to discuss how the Election Committee should handle her report at the Annual Membership Meeting. It was agreed by the Board and the Parliamentarian that all that is necessary if there is only one candidate per position is to read the list of new board members. An election will not be necessary.

Greg Frank, Club Manager, was asked to have the directors announce at their games that the Annual Meeting will be December 10, 2015 and will start at 12:30 P.M. Proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws cannot be presented until a quorum is present and that requires 80 members to be in attendance. Members are to be urged to be present by 12:30 P.M. in order for the afternoon game to begin on time.

Christmas Party will be held on Thursday December 17, 2015. Greg was asked to ask the morning game directors to finish their games by 12 noon. The Hot Springs Strings will play between 12 noon and 1:00 P.M. Their performance is a gift from an anonymous donor.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Bearden

2015 Secretary

