

THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, October 09, 2017

Duane Hall, President called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. In attendance were board members Peggy Ross, Annie Dethardt, Scott Luchesi, Mary Jenkins, Teri LaBove, Andy Cosby and Lee Casteel. Suzanne Stofer was absent as was Debbie Holliday, Business Manager. Greg Frank, Club Manager was present. Dee Hoffman, member of the Village Card Club was in the audience.

Duane Hall asked for any corrections to the September 11, 2017 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved as written. Duane then asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. He said he wanted to add discussion of the Board a Match to the agenda and Teri LaBove asked to add discussion of the "STOP" card in the bidding box. Both items were added. Duane Hall then asked that Cheryl Kohler, Hospitality Committee Chair, and Clark Vernon, Chairman of the 2017 Silver Lode Tournament address the Board prior to the directors' reports.

Cheryl Kohler of the Hospitality Committee gave input to the board regarding the food for the December 14, 2017 holiday party. The Hospitality Committee is recommending heavy hors d'oeuvres in lieu of a catered meal from a restaurant. Members will bring appetizers, desserts, etc. to the club to share and there will be a sign up sheet for this. Peggy Ross made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation. Motion carried.

Clark Vernon presented his report of the Silver Lode Tournament. He stated table count was down 14 1/2 tables or 9.29% and gross receipts was down \$410.00 or 8.32% compared to 2016. However, the net expenses were less than 2016 due to some innovation with purchasing of food for the tournament. Clark was most appreciative of Barbara Albright and others who helped in decorating our club and carrying out the Silver Lode theme. Clark stated that the tournament will be able to thrive and even grow; but, may not reach past levels due to competition from other tournaments in close proximity.

Old Business: Teri LaBove discussed the need of donations and money for the hurricane victims of Harvey, Irma and Maria. She made a motion to designate the hallway from November 1, 2017 through December 15, 2017 for donations of clothing, blankets, etc. and a money jar for a specific charity for hurricane victims. Motion carried.

New Business: Duane Hall and Greg Frank led a discussion of a proposed change to the Game Directors' Practices Manual (GDPM) regarding late arrivals and penalties imposed. Peggy Ross made a motion to accept the change with the exact language be

finalized and accepted by the Board. Greg Frank will work on the final language and send to Board members. Upon acceptance of the language by the Board, an e-blast will be sent notifying members of the change. Motion carried.

Duane Hall asked for discussion of Bridge Mate replacement and cost. There is no immediate urgency for replacement by the club but it should be kept in the forefront as a future expenditure. This would cost approximately \$5200. With the uncertainty of lease negotiations, table count and revenue shortfalls, Teri LaBove made a motion to table the discussion of Bridge Mate replacement and cost and its payment for the 2018 Board. Motion carried.

Annie Dethardt asked to table the discussion of web system functionality.

Teri LaBove made a motion to take the "STOP" card from the bidding boxes effective immediately. The ACBL has stated the "STOP" cards will be eliminated as of January 1, 2018 and clubs are already removing the cards now. Motion carried.

Duane Hall said there were sixteen (16) tables for the Board A Match the previous Friday. There was much discussion whether players liked this and whether this should continue. Andy Cosby said this is an October offering with enhanced master points. There will be no more Board A Match offerings this month.

Andy Cosby (in the absence of Suzanne Stofer) discussed the Player Development job description with the Board. The Player Development Manager and Education Manager would be merged into one position and job description. The Board reviewed and approved the job description with the caveat the membership vote and approve the change to the by-laws (eliminating the Education Manager) at the December 07, 2017 meeting.

Officers' and Directors' reports: Annie Dethardt reported there are now five hundred eighty-one (581) members in the VCC including some pinochle and cribbage players. The campaign for club membership renewal has started.

Teri LaBove reported she is working on advertisement with the pinochle and cribbage clubs.

Duane Hall made a Motion to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. Motion passed.

Submitted by
Lee Casteel
2017 VCC Secretary