

THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY September 10, 2018

Peggy Ross, president, called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. In attendance were Ginna DeThomas, Annie Dethardt, Mary Jenkins, Carole Trainer, Teri LaBove, Andy Cosby, Greg Frank, and Alan Trippel. Absent was Cathy Bertrand.

The minutes of previous meetings will be deemed as approved when no one has objected to the minutes emailed to the members by the Secretary.

Old Business: NA

Director and Officer Reports

Mary Jenkins reported a profit of \$280 last month even without the tournament which made about \$3500. Last years tournament only netted about \$2100 so kudos to Annie who cut a lot of corners but also had no expenses for a fourth day.

Annie Dethardt said we have 145 new members this year for a current total membership of 623. We're up 7 new members since last month thanks to pinochle and cribbage. Phil and Donna Partlow have agreed to chair the next Silver Lode tournament.

Teri LaBove stated that she has advertised EasyBridge! in both papers, radio, POA E-Blast, and provided flyers at the Newcomers meeting. She's also advertised the North American pairs game.

Alan Trippel has a new EasyBridge! Class starting this Thursday with 12 or 13 players already signed up. Many new players have joined pinochle so attracting new players to our club is going well.

Andy Cosby emailed his report to the board members. He says we're holding steady at 8-10% higher play than last year.

Greg Frank reported a problem scheduling 2019 tournaments. He's working on straightening that out and is making progress on the tournament schedule for 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Annie Dethardt gave a detailed report on the Silver Lode tournament. Table fees were increased \$1 per player so in spite of less tables we still made an increase in gross income of \$510. Player count has been down each year since 2015. She suggests a way to increase Table Count would be to open the game to 0 - 750. Noted also was a need for more equipment and key controls.

Greg Frank brought up for discussion the looming director crisis, especially for the open game. Many directors are willing to work the lower level game if necessary but not the open was the general consensus. Since there is no back up plan it was suggested that Peggy Ross have an ad hoc committee to consider this for a solution.

Andy made a motion to adjourn at 5:15 and it passed.

Submitted by Carole Trainer, VCC Secretary, September 15, 2018