

Minutes: Greater Venice Duplicate Bridge Club Annual Meeting, Nov. 14, 2024

1. Call to Order. The Annual Meeting of the Greater Venice DBC was called to order on Thursday, November 14th at 12:15 pm after an optional pizza luncheon in the meeting room at the Englewood Methodist Church by the current president Carol Newnam.
2. Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting. Jan Amara, the current secretary, was unable to attend this annual meeting, so there were not any minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting to present.
3. Treasurer's Report. Ron Jarchow, the current treasurer, gave his report, which is summarized in a chart in the attachment at the end of these minutes. The gist of the report is that attendance at bridge games is greater in high season (January through March)—there are more days played, more tables at each game, and more players. Attendance declines dramatically during the summer months (July through September) when the “snowbirds” depart. Nonetheless, the Club started 2024 with \$4,858.16 in its bank account and “ended” (as of Oct. 31, 2024) with \$7,550.57.
4. Vice President/Webmaster Report. Al Vaccaro reported that the Club website gets approximately 30 “hits” per day on average. He also offered to assist any members who have difficulty assessing the website.
5. Bridge Director and Manager Report. Tom Cooney reported that the Club Bridge Sectional will take place on March 6th through 8th, 2025, and that he needed assistance on Wednesday the evening of the 5th to set up for the Sectional. He said that he needed five people to help set up 32 tables, chairs, and supplies for the following days' play.
6. Nominations and Elections Chair Report. Janet Laudenslager was unable to attend this meeting, so Carol Newnam presented the results of the recent election of board members. She thanked the outgoing members, Jan Amara, Secretary, and Linda Patriarca, Member at Large, and announced that Lynne Firester will be the incoming Secretary and Lillian Serrano will be the Member at Large.
7. Report on the Education Chair. Carol Newnam said that Elaine Jarchow, the current Education Chair for many years, and Ron Jarchow, who assisted her in organizing and teaching classes for new and intermediate bridge players, wanted to be relieved of their jobs. Carol announced that Susan Greenleaf graciously agreed to take over and is organizing and teaching classes. She holds the classes on Tuesdays from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, and this appears to be a good time as it results in greater attendance at the subsequent duplicate games that start at 1:00 pm.
8. Scheduling Duplicate Games. Carol Newnam reported that after the 2024 “high season” the duplicate games on Fridays and Sundays had to be cancelled because of low attendance that could not adequately cover the expenses associated with holding those games. Carol suggested that the Club could restart the Friday afternoon duplicate games in January and continue them through March 2025.
9. Open Forum for Comments and Suggestions. Carol Newnam opened the annual meeting to the attendees to comment, ask questions, and/or offer suggestions. Jean Gabriele suggested that the Club offer new members only one free attendance at a duplicate game,

rather than two, to increase dues somewhat. There was some discussion of offering non-ACBL “nervous beginners” a “free play” to try out a duplicate game and possibly interest them in continuing with the Club. Someone else pointed out that too much pizza had been ordered for the luncheon today preceding the annual meeting.

10. Club Holiday Party. This will take place on December 10th, 2024, and will be a Potluck.

11. 2025 Dues. Dues for the coming year will be due as of January 1st, 2025.

*Lynne Firester, 2025 Secretary Greater Venice Duplicate Bridge Club
November 14, 2024*

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report, Greater Venice Duplicate Bridge Club

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2024 ANNUAL MEETING						
MONTH	NUMBER OF DAYS PLAYED	NUMBER OF TABLES	NUMBER OF PLAYERS	NUMBER OF DAYS PLAYED	NUMBER OF TABLES	NUMBER OF PLAYERS
	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024
JANUARY	18	164.5	658	17	148.5	578
FEBRUARY	15	137	548	15	129	516
MARCH	18	165	670	16	126	504
APRIL	15	129	518	13	101	404
MAY	16	112	448	11	66.5	266
JUNE	17	111.5	446	8	46	184
JULY	12	81	324	9	47	188
AUGUST	14	84.5	338	9	49	196
SEPTEMBER	12	76.5	306	8	64.5	230
OCTOBER	14	91.5	362	8	69.5	278
NOVEMBER	14	102	408			
DECEMBER	16	102.5	410			
TOTALS (Jan:Oct)	151	1152.5		114	847	
	MONTHLY	MONTHLY	MONTHLY	MONTHLY	MONTHLY	
	GAME FEES	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME	EXPENSES*	INCOME MINUS	
	2024	INCOME	2024	2024	EXPENSES	
		2024				
JANUARY	5628.00	2320.00	7948.00	4374.18	3573.82	
FEBRUARY	4920.00	675.00	5595.00	4187.50	1407.50	
MARCH	4920.00	351.00	5271.00	4956.17	314.83	
APRIL	3960.00	20.00	3980.00	3377.77	602.23	
MAY	2600.00	10.00	2610.00	2824.49	-214.49	
JUNE	1840.00	35.00	1875.00	2773.01	-898.01	
JULY	1830.00	0.00	1830.00	2244.06	-414.06	
AUGUST	1890.00	111.76	2001.76	2479.51	-477.75	
SEPTEMBER	2180.00	0.00	2180.00	2144.01	35.99	
OCTOBER	2140.00	0.00	2140.00	2202.85	-62.85	
TOTALS	31908.00	3522.76	35430.76	31563.55	3867.21	
	* Director's game fee, Director's supplies (ink, table snacks, etc.), church rental, ACBL costs, etc.					
	BANK BALANCE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024: 4858.16, Bank Balance October 31, 2024: 7550.57.					