

Minutes: Greater Venice Duplicate Bridge Club Board Meeting, June 16, 2026

1. Call to Order. The Board Meeting of the Greater Venice DBC was called to order on Tuesday, June 16th at approximately 4:00 pm after the close of a duplicate bridge session in the meeting room at the Christ United Lutheran Church by President, Dev Pathak. (Past president Lillian Serrano has moved up north, so past Vice President Dev has taken over.) Present in addition to Dev were Al Vaccaro, Treasurer, Lynne Firester, Secretary, and Lynda Edson, who has been handling partnership matching and game set-up.
2. Non-Profit Status. Al reported that because the past officers had let the Club's non-profit status lapse, he was continuing working with the IRS to reinstate it. He has submitted the appropriate forms and is working /waiting to get non-profit status restored. However, it is a long process.
3. Financial Report. Al gave the treasurer's report, summarizing that the Club was doing okay. The current bank balance is \$14,230.27 as of June 12, 2026. (Please see Attachment 1 for detailed debits and credits.)
4. Low Attendance. Attendance at the Club's duplicate games falls off during the summer months when many players vacation or spend the summer away. The Club needs at least seven+ tables at a session to break even on expenses and to hold an ACBL sanctioned game. The officers decided that the Club should continue to pay the church its rental fee even if some games need to be cancelled because of insufficient attendance, in order to preserve our desired game time slots for the fall when attendance will pick up.
5. Increasing Attendance. Al presented some suggestions for possibly increasing attendance on Thursdays (the least attended game day). They included offering some bridge lessons, having supervised/guided games, discussing hands from the Tuesday game, and similar enhancement activities. Lynne felt that these might help, but it wasn't so much lack of interest as it was vacation and other travel absences that precluded attendance.
6. Board Members and Volunteers Needed. Lynda had asked for help at prior Club games and did get some volunteers to help set up, put out food, and clean up afterwards. Several new Club board members are needed to fill current vacancies. Lynne agreed to call Carol Turner and Carol Reinhart, who have been very helpful so far. She also suggested that we need to make a pitch to the current Club members asking for some players to join the board and others to help out as needed. (Please see Attachment 2 for a "suggested pitch.")
7. Club Membership. Al has done an excellent job eliciting membership and compiling member contact information, in addition to keeping detailed financial records. We have about 77 members currently. (The latest contact information is Attachment 3.)
8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:20 PM.

Attachment 1. Treasurer's Report

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Check / Deposit Date	Chk # / ID	Check Cashed Date	Payee / Deposit	Category	Sub Category	Amount	Balance	non mbr
12-Jun-26	866		Roberts Insurance Group	Special	Liability Insurance	(\$682.31)	\$14,230.27	
12-Jun-26	8833382	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$161.00	\$14,912.58	1
12-Jun-26	8833381	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$181.00	\$14,751.58	1
5-Jun-26	865	12-Jun-26	Albert Vaccaro	Game	Supplies	(\$139.81)	\$14,570.58	
5-Jun-26	933284	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$150.00	\$14,710.39	
5-Jun-26	933288	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$335.00	\$14,560.39	5
5-Jun-26	864		Albert Vaccaro	ACBL	Game Fee	(\$182.15)	\$14,225.39	
4-Jun-26	863 split		Tom Cooney	Game	food	(\$256.04)	\$14,407.54	
4-Jun-26	863 split	"	Tom Cooney	Game	Supplies	(\$78.73)	\$14,663.58	
30-May-26	862	11-Jun-26	Christ United Church	Church	Rental	(\$800.00)	\$14,742.31	
30-May-26	861 split	5-Jun-26	Tom Cooney	Game	Salary	(\$1,040.00)	\$15,542.31	
30-May-26	861 split	"	Tom Cooney	Management	Club Duties	(\$120.00)	\$16,582.31	
29-May-26	783260	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$170.00	\$16,702.31	0
29-May-26	783259	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$213.00	\$16,532.31	3
22-May-26	783258	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$180.00	\$16,319.31	0
22-May-26	833124	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$364.00	\$16,139.31	5
15-May-26	833122	n/a	Deposit	Membership		\$50.00	\$15,775.31	
15-May-26	833123	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$295.00	\$15,725.31	5
15-May-26	833121	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$262.00	\$15,430.31	2
12-May-26	860	5-Jun-26	Tom Cooney	Game	food	(\$235.17)	\$15,168.31	
8-May-26	783257	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$262.00	\$15,403.48	2
8-May-26	783256	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$325.00	\$15,141.48	5
6-May-26	859	8-May-26	Albert Vaccaro	ACBL	Game Fee	(\$296.02)	\$14,816.48	
6-May-26	858	8-May-26	Albert Vaccaro	Special	IRS - Tax990	(\$59.70)	\$15,112.50	
1-May-26	857	19-May-26	Christ United Church	Church	Rental	(\$900.00)	\$15,172.20	
1-May-26	856 split	6-May-26	Tom Cooney	Game	Salary	(\$1,180.50)	\$16,072.20	
1-May-26	856 split	"	Tom Cooney	Management	Club Duties	(\$120.00)	\$17,252.70	
1-May-26	933289	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$210.00	\$17,372.70	0
1-May-26	783254	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$381.00	\$17,162.70	1
1-May-26	783255	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$300.00	\$16,781.70	0
24-Apr-26	258845	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$515.00	\$16,481.70	5
17-Apr-26	258843	n/a	Deposit	Membership		\$50.00	\$15,966.70	

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36	17-Apr-26	258842	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$322.00	\$15,916.70	2
37	17-Apr-26	258841	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$463.25	\$15,594.70	3.25
38	17-Apr-26	960058	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$311.00	\$15,131.45	1
39	8-Apr-26	960057	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$519.00	\$14,820.45	9
40	7-Apr-26	855	6-May-26	Tom Cooney	Game	food	(\$245.46)	\$14,301.45	
41	3-Apr-26	854	6-Apr-26	Al Vaccaro	ACBL	Game fee	(\$305.88)	\$14,546.91	
42	3-Apr-26	960056	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$365.00	\$14,852.79	5
43	3-Apr-26	960055	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$390.00	\$14,487.79	5
44	3-Apr-26	783226	n/a	Deposit	Sectional	S- Player Fee	\$22.05	\$14,097.79	
45	3-Apr-26	853	8-Apr-26	Susan Greenleaf	Lessons	Supplement	(\$25.00)	\$14,075.74	5
46	3-Apr-26	852	3-Apr-26	Tom Cooney	Management	Club Duties	(\$120.00)	\$14,100.74	2
47	3-Apr-26	851	3-Apr-26	Tom Cooney	Game	Salary	(\$1,430.00)	\$14,220.74	2
48	3-Apr-26	850 split	9-Apr-26	Christ United Church	Church	Rental	(\$1,100.00)	\$15,650.74	2
49	3-Apr-26	850 split	"	Christ United Church	Church	S - Rental	(\$600.00)	\$16,750.74	0
50	3-Apr-26	783225	n/a	Deposit	Membership	Player Fee	\$75.00	\$17,350.74	3
51	31-Mar-26	n/a	n/a	Chase Bank	Service	Fee	(\$8.61)	\$17,275.74	0
52	31-Mar-26	n/a	n/a	Chase Bank	Service	Fee	(\$6.00)	\$17,284.35	
53	27-Mar-26	783372	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$360.00	\$17,290.35	
54	27-Mar-26	960054	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$410.00	\$16,930.35	
55	24-Mar-26	849	25-Mar-26	Tom Cooney	Sectional	S - food	(\$175.58)	\$16,520.35	
56	24-Mar-26	848	6-Apr-26	Albert Vaccaro	Sectional	S - Supplies	(\$11.92)	\$16,695.93	
57	24-Mar-26	847	27-Mar-26	Lilian Serrano	Sectional	S - food	(\$545.31)	\$16,707.85	
58	23-Mar-26	846	25-Mar-26	Nancy Frey	Sectional	S - Kitchen / Caddy	(\$500.00)	\$17,253.16	2
59	23-Mar-26	783371	n/a	Deposit	Sectional	S - Player Fee	\$2,071.00	\$17,753.16	
60	23-Mar-26	783369	n/a	Deposit	Sectional		\$400.00	\$15,682.16	
61	18-Mar-26	n/a	n/a	Withdrawal	Sectional		(\$400.00)	\$15,282.16	1
62	18-Mar-26	783368	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$430.00	\$15,682.16	1
63	18-Mar-26	783367	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$160.00	\$15,252.16	
64	13-Mar-26	960051	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$430.00	\$15,092.16	
65	13-Mar-26	960059	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$440.00	\$14,662.16	
66	13-Mar-26	960050	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$180.00	\$14,222.16	
67	13-Mar-26	960052	n/a	Deposit	Membership		\$200.00	\$14,042.16	
68	6-Mar-26	960046	n/a	Deposit	Membership		\$200.00	\$13,842.16	
69	6-Mar-26	960047	n/a	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	\$460.00	\$13,642.16	

Attachment 2. Suggested Pitch for Obtaining New Board Members and Volunteers

The Venice Duplicate Bridge Club is a club run by its members and dedicated to serving its members. We hope everyone has enjoyed playing here— improving their bridge game, earning master points, and making new friends. If so, the Club is successful.

However, everyone who has enjoyed playing here has to contribute to the continued success of the Club. If you haven't yet served on the Board or if you haven't yet volunteered this past season, you need to. The Club cannot run itself; it needs the input of its members.

The Club Board needs two new board members right now—a Vice President and a Member-at-Large. In the final quarter of 2026, the Board will need a new Treasurer and a new Secretary, unless the current ones agree to continue in their roles. The jobs of the Board Members are not difficult or time consuming. The Board meets only about four times a year.

The Club also needs volunteers in addition to the board members. Volunteers help set up and put away the tables and supplies for duplicate sessions, and they help set up refreshments and clear them away after the games. Some players have been helping a lot, but many have not.

Please ask yourselves if you have contributed to our Club this past year and, if not, ask again what you can do. There is no "staff" here that does all this for you. We all together do what's needed, and we all together enjoy the results.

(Someone should consider giving this or a similar pitch at the next duplicate session and again in the Fall when more members return, and hopefully the Club will get some members to volunteer for the Board or to help before and after games.)

Attachment 3. Latest Member Contact Information

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