Minutes: Greater Venice Duplicate Bridge Club Board Meeting, October 20, 2026

1. Call to Order. The Board Meeting of the Greater Venice DBC was called to order on Tuesday, October 10th at approximately 4:30 pm after the close of a duplicate bridge session in the meeting room at the Christ United Lutheran Church by Dev Pathak, President. Present were Al Vaccaro, Treasure**r;** Lynne Firester, Secretary**;** Kathleen Rankin, Lead Director**;** Richard Mougalian, Director**;** Lynda Edson, Partnership Manager**;** and Nancy Thelin and Carol Murphy, Board Member candidates. Linda Patriarca, Vice President, was not present.

2. November Elections. Dev reported that the Club will hold elections in November for Board Members. Nancy Thelin has graciously agreed to run for President and Carol Murphy, similarly graciously, for Member-at-Large. It is likely that they will be unopposed. Al will continue as Treasurer. It was not clear who would replace Lynne as Secretary, since she is resigning.

3. Financial Report. Al presented the treasurer's report. The Club checking account balance as of the end of September is $11,204.36. There is a profit of $468.64 for the year, which is low because the Club ran some games at a loss during the summer months. Overall, game table usage is down 118 tables this past year, a decrease of 15%. The Club website averages about 30 to 50 hits (visitors) per month, with the lower means in the summer and the higher ones in the fall through spring. (Please see Attachment 1.)

4. Club Tax-Free Status. The Club had lost its status as a non-profit organization because the appropriate paperwork had not been filed. Organizations with income under $50,000 have to file with the IRS once every three years to avoid losing their tax-free status. Al has put in long, diligent hours working to restore this status. It has taken much time, effort, and multiple filings, but he now believes that our tax-free status has been restored. It might be useful if Al could compile a schedule listing when and what forms and fees need to be filed to maintain this status, since we do not want to lose it again. Many thanks Al for all your hard work!

5. Duplicate Director. Tom Cooney, our past director, is having ongoing health issues, so Kathleen Rankin and Richard Mougalian have been directing our Club bridge games.

6. March Bridge Sectional. Last year the Club made a profit of $262 after holding the Sectional. We decided that it was not worth all the required effort to make this small profit, so we will not hold a Sectional this coming year. The Sectional is also not especially well attended by members.

7. Friday Games. The Club has typically held duplicate bridge games on Friday afternoons during the in-season months of January through March. However, attendance has not been good enough to continue holding these games. There were 5.5 average tables in 2024-25, but only 4.5 in 2025-26, so it was decided to cancel Friday games.

8. Members Annual Meeting. This annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th, just before the afternoon duplicate session. Dev will take charge of ordering pizza and soda from one of the vendors that deliver. We think that last year it was Hungry Howie.

9. Holiday Party. We will hold the members' holiday party luncheon on Tuesday, December 8th, at noon just before the afternoon bridge game. Lynda Edson and Kathleen Rankin will purchase a spiral ham (or other similar main dish item) and assorted drinks. They will also coordinate donations of sides and desserts from members.

10. December Holiday Bridge Games. The session on Thursday, December 24th, will be cancelled. However, the session on Thursday, December 31st, will take place.

11. Membership Drive. The Club would like to increase attendance at the duplicate games and membership in our Club. We decided to reduce the dues from $25.00 to $20.00, and to do away with including a "free play" with membership. We hope that when Susan Greenleaf begins her lesson sessions in January, membership will increase somewhat. We will also try to get information about the club in the newsletters at the various communities nearby.

12. Meeting Adjourned. Dev ended the Board Meeting at 5:00 PM.

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report, October 20, 2026

2026 Profit / Loss			$468.64
	Checking Account Balance	Adjusted Chk Acct Balance	Month Profit / Loss
sept 26	$13,705.44	$11,204.36	($428.74)
Aug 26	$13,022.87	$11,633.10	($592.77)
July 26	$15,509.57	$12,225.87	($474.19)
June 26	$14,893.27	$12,700.06	($1,525.33)
May 25	$16,937.48	$14,225.39	($355.91)
Apr 26	$16,727.16	$14,581.30	$644.85
Mar 26	$17,287.06	$13,936.45	$1,204.29
Feb 26	$14,432.99	$12,732.16	$89.17
Jan 26	$16,154.87	$12,642.99	$1,907.27
Dec 25	$13,607.47	$10,735.72	

NOTE: June 26 had $682.31 for Insurance

Game losses are: ($843.02) for June

2026		
Food cost for Year	Avg Food costs per game	Game Supplies
$1,767.98	$19.01	$435.62
Director Cost	# club games	ACBL Cost
$11,654.00	93	$2,328.78

Table Count: 1 Jan to 30 Sept		
2025	783.5	
2026	665.5	
decrease of	118.0	
	15.1%	

Northport	(10)	1.00%
SRQ	(102)	8.48%
Inter City	(35)	4.11%

Check / Deposit Date	Chk # / ID	Payee / Deposit	Category	Sub Category	Amount	Balance	Memo
16-Oct-26	437760	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	$231.00	$11,357.79	**13 Oct Game**
7-Oct-26	437757	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	$295.00	$11,126.79	**06 Oct Game**
7-Oct-26	437756	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	$181.00	$10,831.79	**01 Oct Game**
7-Oct-26	437758	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	$333.00	$10,650.79	**29 Sept Game Adjusted Sept Checking Acct Balanc**
6-Oct-26	893	Carol Turner	Game	food	($19.79)	$11,080.36	Sept 26 food
6-Oct-26	892	Kathleen Rankin	Game	food	($19.51)	$11,100.15	Sept 26 food
6-Oct-26	891	Lynda Edson	Game	food	($7.13)	$11,119.66	Sept 26 food
6-Oct-26	890 split	Albert Vaccaro	Misc.	IRS - 1024	($600.00)	$10,317.79	Had to pay IRS when form 1024 submitted
6-Oct-26	890 split	Albert Vaccaro	ACBL	Game Fee	($179.88)	$10,917.79	Sept 26 Game Fee
1-Oct-26	889	Tom Cooney	Game	Salary	($130.00)	$11,097.67	Sept 26: Direct 1 game
1-Oct-26	888	Richard Mougalian	Game	Salary	($650.00)	$11,227.67	Sept 26: Direct 5 games
1-Oct-26	887 split	Kathleen Rankin	Game	Salary	($520.00)	$11,877.67	Sept 26: Direct 4 games
1-Oct-26	887 split	Kathleen Rankin	Managem	Club Duties	($120.00)	$12,397.67	Sept 26
1-Oct-26	886	Christ United Church	Church	Rental	($1,000.00)	$12,517.67	Rent for 10 Club Games
25-Sep-26	437755	Deposit	Game	Player Fee	$81.00	$13,517.67	**24 Sept Game 30 Sept Checking Acct Balance was $**