

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2023

Lake Miona Recreation Center

President Paul Matheson called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Attendance: Board Members: Vice President, Carol Ketterer; Secretary, Merle Erlich; Margaret Sarno, Charles Showalter, and Nancy Turner. Treasurer, Tom Tessier was also present. Russ Pearly was available on Face Time. Jon Williams was excused. Jim O'Brien was absent,

The **July, 2023 Minutes** were accepted with following correction:

Deb Brunoehler did not volunteer to direct Thursday morning learning games in the Fall.

Board Ratification of Votes Taken Via Email Since July Meeting:

We will host the ACBL Junior Fund Game on Monday, August 21, 6PM at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center.

Treasurer's Report:

(Before presenting the report, Tom Tessier noted that we had higher than usual expenditures due to the purchase of new bidding boxes. A discussion on capitalizing such expenses was tabled until the September Board Meeting.)

President Matheson pointed out that so far this year, January-July 2023, we have had almost 5,900 tables. This is an increase over last year during the same time period when we had 3,654 tables.

Treasurer, Tom Tessier reviewed the August 2023 Treasurer's report*:

- There were 78 Games: 24 regular (\$3); 53 special (\$4); and 1 STAC.
- Total of 680.5 tables.
- Loss of \$3918
- The August 13, 2023 checking account balance is \$17,442
- CD – 6 months is \$20,000
- CD -12 months is \$40,000
- Equity is \$68,989

	INCOME *	EXPENSE*
GAMES	\$ 10,210	\$14,391
ACBL	23	2,544
STAC		172
DIRECTORS		5,594
CARD PREP		817
EDUCATION	225	343
		1,100
CONTRACT SERVICES		
OTHER EXPENSES		
CHARITY		
DEPRECIATION		62
STORAGE		122
INSURANCE BOND 3 YRS		569
MISC SALES	14	
REIMBURSED EXPENSES		3,068
TOTAL	\$ 10,472	\$ 14,300

(*rounded to nearest \$)

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on contingency awaiting tabled capitalization discussion in September. *

August/September Game Schedule

Lake Miona Rec Center will be closed from September 5 to October 9.

Tuesday Games will be held Eisenhower Rec

Wednesday Games will be held at Mulberry Rec

Saturday Afternoon Games will be held at Ezell Rec

Paul will check out options for Saturday morning games at equipped sites.

Mentor Novice Game Discussion

Carol Ketterer is resigning from directing the Mentor Mentee Program as of 12/31/23. She shared a history of the program and her recommendations. The Mentor Mentee Program was started 11 years ago for players in the 100 to 300 point range. Jon Williams ran it for 7 years and Carol has been running it since then, even during COVID, online. She stated and other Board members concurred, that this program is most effective for advancing players with at least 100 points worth of playing experience. Beginning players with less experience/points are better served by structured or guided play and instruction. At this time there are very few requests from such players. Carol suggested that the Board needs to revisit the goals and objectives of this program. Paul thanked Carol for her service and input.

Signing 2024 Recreation Permits is underway.

Updates on November 2023 Sectional and January 2024 Sectionals: Flyers have been posted on the ACBL website

Discussion on Partnership Assistance Positions. The Board agreed that these should be voluntary positions. We will seek volunteers for these positions.

Better locations for storing new and existing bid boxes were discussed. Paul will assess our best options.

New Business

- Looking into addition of a 4 is Enough Game
- ACBL is offering a \$20 bonus to returning members who renew their membership by Labor Day
- Alzheimer's Fundraising Campaign begins again on August 31st. Nancy Turner announced that our club's next event will be Tricks & Treats on Sunday, October 29th at Sea Breeze with a 50/50.

The next Board Meeting will be held on September 19th at 4:30 pm, location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Erlich, Secretary