

**THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Sea Breeze Recreation Center**

June 16, 2024

President Jim O’Brien called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM

**Attendance:** Board Members: Vice President, Nancy Turner; Secretary, Merle Erlich, Vern Sikora, Judy Smith, Jon Williams, and Russ Pearly. Also present were Treasurer, Tom Tessier ; Club Manager, Donna Brown, Paul Matheson, John Quinn, Head Director, and Harry Messenheimer, Education Coordinator. Dutch Dresser and Margaret Sarno were excused.

The previously distributed May Minutes were approved and posted on the website. Margaret was thanked for taking the minutes in Merle’s absence..

**Overview of Tom Tessier’s March Treasurer’s Report:**

Tom reported that we had a nearly break even month as reflected by salient entries in the table below.

In May we held 104 total games with 905.5 tables. Jim O’Brien noted that we were up 50 tables from May, 2023.

- Account balances as of 5/31/2024:
  - checking account balance: \$20,045
  - CD – 6 months is \$20,000
  - CD -12 months is \$40,000
- Equity is \$70,494.

	<b>INCOME *</b>	<b>EXPENSE*</b>
<b>GAMES</b>	\$ 14,176	\$
<b>ACBL FEE</b>		4,405
<b>DISTRICT 9 FEE</b>		
<b>DIRECTORS</b>		7,467.
<b>CARD PREP</b>		1,1604
<b>CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>		1,600.
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
<b>SE CAROLINA ENTRY FEE</b>	342.	
<b>SE CAROLINA F2F TABLE</b>	453.	
<b>OTHER: SALES</b>	44.	
<b>SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT</b>		578.
<b>BADGE SUPPLIES</b>		88.
<b>COMPUTER</b>		80
<b>GAME REFRESHMENTS</b>		47
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>		62.28
<b>STORAGE</b>		122.00
<b>1TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,014.</b>	<b>\$15,609.</b>

Treasurer Tessier also shared a Statement of Financial Position Comparison as of May,2024.

Highlights follow:

	2024	2023
<b>TOTAL BANK ACCOUNT</b>	\$80,046	\$79,692
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$86,741	\$87,954
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$15,014	\$14,355
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	\$ (-595)	\$ 246.

.The Treasurer’s Report was accepted with thanks from the Board.

**Summer Game Scheduling/ Changes:**

Jim O'Brien presented a report on the effectiveness of game changes for the less than 150 and less than 750 Games: The Monday night game picked up 8 additional pairs. The Tuesday afternoon open game did not lose players to the 750 game and the 750 game is picking up 2-3 pairs per week. The Thursday AM under 1500 is cancelled for the summer; however the Open Thursday afternoon game remains at Ezell.

Sea Breeze is closed on Friday, June 28 and that AM 750 game will move to Eisenhower at 1 pm.

Miona is closed on July 13. The morning game is canceled and the afternoon Open will move to Ezell.

**June, 2024 Sectional Tournament was successful and profitable.**

Tournament chairpersons emphasized the need for more onsite helpers for set up and take down including the kitchen. Volunteers are also needed to take responsibility for getting Rec Center equipment to and from the Tournament. The hiring of movers for our 100 card tables will be investigated.

Donna Brown and Merle Erlich will co-chair the November NLM Regional and Open Silver Sectional at Savannah Center.

**Alzheimer's Longest Day, June 21:** Nancy Turner reported that there would be 50/50 and raffles for free game plays at all three sessions. She displayed the purple ribbon pins that she made to give to attendees. All sessions will take place at SeaBreeze.

**Continuation of Discussion on Moving to Unit 240 (see April, 2024 Minutes):**

Paul Matheson, our representative to the Unit 128 and District 9 board requested Board approval further proceed with a plan to leave Unit 128 and form a new Unit 240 within District 9.. He received Board approval to contact other nearby clubs to actively seek their participation. The main advantage would be better representation in that we would have more impact on decisions that impact us.

**Stripe Card Processing:**

The decision to approve online payment capability for special events will be discussed at the July Board Meeting.

**Ongoing revision and clarification of VDBC Policies and Procedures:**

Judy Smith presented the revised, corrected and updated procedures on Zero Tolerance Policy and Charity Selection & Promotion Policy that were discussed at the April Board Meeting. The Board gave their approval allowing for grammatical changes, clarification of victory points and proof of tax free exemptions. The Board was asked to review the Player Rules & Game Management Policy to be discussed at the July Board Meeting.

**Discussion on proposal made by Greg Frank regarding the seeding of players at VDBC club games:**

The Board declined the proposal because our system has the capability to 'seed' players at each game. John Quinn will arrange additional training for game directors to make better use of this capability.

**Dealing Machine Release:**

The Villages Recreation Department bought our club 3 dealing machines. We received the 4<sup>th</sup> one as a donation. The club pays the expenses for maintaining and repairing these machines. Currently, we run 20 games/week. We use 3 machines at various locations and reserve the 4<sup>th</sup> as a backup. Diamonds in the Ruff Bridge Club asked the Rec Department to purchase a machine for their use. The Rec Department then asked us to give one machine to them. The Board's position is that we have a financial investment in these machines as we have been paying for their upkeep. A motion was made and passed to offer access to the dealing machines for sanctioned board preparation by our operator subject to availability.

The regular July Board of Directors' Meeting will be held Sunday, July 21 at 1:30 pm at Sea Breeze Rec Center.

Russ Pearly will be away for the summer but will try to attend Board meetings remotely.

The June, 2024 meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merle Erlich, Secretary