

The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

Lake Miona Recreation Center

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

Board members present: Russ Pearly, Jim O'Brien, Margaret Sarno, Charles Showalter, Nancy Turner, Jon Williams, Donna Brown (Club Manager), and Tom Tessier (Treasurer), Carol Ketterer, Merle Erlich were excused.

The minutes for the April meeting were approved.

Ratification of Chairmen for the January sectional was confirmed, our chairmen are Bobbie Meyers and Karen Pekkanen.

Tom Tessier gave the treasurer report:

In April we had a loss of \$425.00, our table count was down by 100 tables. This is normal for this time of year. The 2022 Federal Tax return was presented and approved.

There was discussion on the Thursday, 4:30 limited game at Rohan, since the Ezell open game on Thursday at 1:00 has been moved to Rohan at 4:30, (only for the summer) some thought to change the start time to earlier because of low attendance of the open players. It was decided to keep as is, because the limited players like this time.

The Disciplinary Committee will be posting their report on our website.

The Alzheimer's Longest Day committee has selected Monday, June 19th to be our day. We will have it at Sea Breeze Recreation Center. The schedule:

9:00am – under 500 and open sections

1:00pm – under 1500 and open sections

6:30pm – under 100 and open sections

There will be a 50/50 raffle and prizes.

Donna Brown passed out a flyer for the November Sectional for review. Jim Dick will be one of the directors.

We have three new directors that have just passed their tests, Anita Piotrowski, Andrea Wolf, and Dutch Dresser. They will start shadowing other directors before they start on their own. Please support them.

There was more discussion on hosting a Regional Tournament. In the off season, Savannah Center would be big enough, but it would have to be a shorter time span to 4-5 days. The ACBL is now shortening the days to 6. A regional tournament does not make any money, so we are still checking the possibilities.

In regards to new business, Jon Williams has suggested a new game: Draw an Ace, where a player with 500-1500 is paired up with a player with an A player. The date is tentative for Sunday, July 16, more details next month.

New bidding boxes or inserts are needed for Lake Miona.

President Matheson adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Sarno