

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lake Miona Recreation Center

August 18, 2026

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

1. **Attendance:**

- a. Board Members Paul Matheson, President; Jim O'Brien, Secretary; Judy Smith, Vice President; Nancy Turner; Russ Pearly (by phone) and Bruce Thiher. Also in attendance were Tom Tessier, Treasurer; Donna Brown, Club Manager; Pat Holmes, Scheduler; and John Quinn, Head Director. Merle Erlich, Dutch Dresser, and Jon Williams absences were excused.

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

- a. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting held on July 21, 2026.

3. **Ratification of Decisions Taken Since Last Board Meeting:**

- a. There were no decisions made since the July 21, 2026 Board Meeting.

4. **Club Manager's Report (presented by Donna Brown):**

- a. Election for Board of Directors
 - a. Need to establish a nominating committee in September, 2026.
 - b. Need to pick a slate of candidates in October, 2026
 - c. Resumes for the slate of candidates must be posted on the VDBC website no later than November 1, 2026
- b. Table guides for 24 table movement
 - a. 3 Recreation Centers have table guides for 24 table movements but Seabreeze, Ezell, and Lake Miona will them.
- c. GNT Qualifier Games
 - a. GNT Qualifier Games can be held in the months of September, 2026 through February, 2027.
 - b. There are no Sundays available in September for GNT games. 9/6/26 and 9/13/26 are reserved for the Eight Is Enough team games. Seabreeze will be closed from 9/14/26 through 9/28/26.
 - c. We will need to schedule open team games in the months of October, 2026 through February, 2027 but not on holiday weekends.
 - 1. Tentative team game schedule
 - a. 11/1/26 Eight is Enough team game
 - b. 11/8/26 Open team game
 - c. 11/15/26 Eight is Enough team game
 - d. 12/4/26 Eight is Enough team game
 - e. 12/11/26 Open team game
 - f. 12/18/26 Eight is Enough team game
 - d. September, 2026 game venue changes
 - 1. Friday 9/4/26 9:00am game will be changed from Seabreeze to Lake Miona since Seabreeze will not be available.
 - 2. Monday 1:00pm open game

- a. 9/14/26 game will be combined with 1500 game at Laurel Manor
- b. 9/21/26 game will be combined with 1500 game at Laurel Manor
- c. 9/28/26 game will be combined with 1500 game at Laurel Manor
- d. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that “if no substitute venues were found for the 1:00pm Seabreeze Open games on September 14, 21, and 28, the games on September 14 and 28 would be at Laurel Manor for <1500 players only and the Open games would be cancelled. On September 21, there would be an Open game at Laurel Manor and no separate <1500 game. All players would be invited to play in this game. The <1500 game would be cancelled.”
- 3. Wednesday open 1:00pm game
 - a. 9/16/26 game will be combined with 1500 game at Lake Miona
 - b. 9/23/26 game will be combined with 1500 game at Lake Miona
- 4. Wednesday Open/300 6:00pm game
 - a. 9/16/26 game will be closed at this point unless an alternative site can be secured.
 - b. 9/26/26 game will be closed at this point unless an alternative site can be secured.
- d. In the process of applying for 2027 permits.
- e. Jan Masterson has volunteered to take over responsibility for securing player badges.
- f. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Club Manager’s Report with thanks from the Board for the Report.

5. Treasurer’s Report (presented by Tom Tessier):

- a. Tom Tessier provided the following July, 2026 Reports which had been previously emailed to Board Members.
 - a. Operating Report for the month of July, 2026.
 - b. Comparative Profit and Loss Statement for the one (1) month ended July 31, 2026 versus July 31, 2025.
 - c. Comparative Profit and Loss Statement for the seven (7) months ended July 31, 2026 versus July 31, 2025.
 - d. 2026 Profit and Loss Statement by month for January-July, 2026.
 - e. Comparative Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2026 versus July 31, 2025.
- b. Tom recapped and provided highlights for July, 2026
 - a. VDBC hosted 97 games with 932 tables.
 - b. There were 62 free plays and 7 guests.
 - c. For the month of July, 2026, VDBC’s gross revenues were \$16,627.55 and expenses were \$16,016.29.
 - d. VDBC had a net income of \$611.26 for the month ended July 31, 2026.
- c. The certificate of deposit matured on 7/10/26 and was renewed for 12 months at 3.60% per annum, due 7/10/27.
- d. At month-end, VDBC had the following balances.

a. Checking	\$29,245.33
b. 12 Month 3.60% CD maturing 7/10/27	\$40,000.00
c. Equity balance	\$57,729.60
- e. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Treasurer’s Report with thanks from the Board for the Report.

6. **Report on the status of Mike Gilbert Reservation System Program (presented by Paul Matheson):**

- a. The Reservation System developed by Mike Gilbert is ready for Board members to review and should be ready to implement in September, 2026.

7. **Discussion of September Changes to Game Schedule:**

- a. The September changes to game schedule were included in the Club Manager's Report.

8. **Discussion of Club Policy (presented by Judy Smith):**

- a. Judy updated VDBC's Disciplinary Policy and Procedure related to the management of ACBL Suspension/Disciplinary Actions for Cheating.
- b. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the updated Disciplinary Policy and Procedure as presented by Judy Smith.

10. New Business

- a. VDBC received a Charitable Donation Request Form from Marilyn Williams for Little Dog Ranch, Inc.
- b. At its September, 2026 board meeting, the Board will review and address player notification related to ACBL games requiring ACBL membership

11. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at Lake Miona Recreation Center at 4:30pm.

At 5:40pm, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jim O'Brien, Secretary