

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Lake Miona Recreation Center

February 22, 2026

Paul Matheson called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

1. **Attendance:**

- a. Board Members Paul Matheson, President; Judy Smith, Vice President; Jim O'Brien, Secretary; Merle Erlich; Nancy Turner; Dutch Dresser; Jon Williams; and Bruce Thiher. Tom Tessier, Treasurer; Pat Holmes and John Quinn, Head Directors were also present. Russ Pearly's absence was excused.
- b. Membership in attendance included Nancy Tessier, Charles Showalter, Carolyn Benner, John Blackwell, Marilyn Williams, Greg Frank, Phil Wolff, Wanda Rainbolt, Margaret Sarno, Steve Rainey, Holly Doolittle, Doug Vene, Jan Masterson, Maury Fjestad, Bonnie Orris, Don Orris, and Colleen Treanor.

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

- i. Tom Tessier provided a Report on the 2025 Results compared to the 2024 Results.
- b. Tom provided the following highlights.
 - i. 75% of revenues came from table games fees and 21% of revenues came from tournament game fees.
 - ii. 82% of revenues was spent on game expenses (ACBL sanction fees, Director fees, card preparation fees, and hospitality).
 - iii. Tournament revenues were \$51,000 and tournament expenses were \$40,500.
 - iv. VDBC donated approximately \$10,000 to charities.
 - v. VDBC incurred a loss of \$4,547 in 2025 compared to a profit of \$478 in 2024.
- c. As of 12/31/25, VDBC had the following balances.

i. Checking	\$16,711
ii. Certificate of deposits	\$60,000
iii. Equity balance	\$61,340

3. **Report by Paul Matheson:**

- a. Paul Matheson reported on VDBC's 2025 success.
 - i. 2025 table count was 11,447, up almost 11% over 2024 table count.
 - ii. VDBC's table count was the largest in the ACBL with 2nd place having 3,000 less tables.
 - iii. Successful education program – Paul gave thanks to Harry Messenheimer, Gloria Bennet, Deb Brunoehler, Andrea Wolff, Janet Matthews, Marilyn Schmidt, and Terry Oleski.
 - iv. Technology group – Paul gave thanks to Rich Seidman and Greg Frank.
 - v. Paul also thanked Donna Brown, club manager; Joe Latchaw, database manager, Gordon Pfeiffer, Eblast manager, and all of the game directors included head directors John Quinn and Pat Holmes.
- b. Paul Matheson reported on 2026 plans.
 - i. Villages has dramatically increased the rent charges for tournaments because people from outside of the Villages are required to be allowed to play.
 - ii. The Board is planning on running the June and November tournaments but has postponed any decision on the January tournament.
 - iii. The June and November tournaments will be run at the Savannah but with only 3 rooms rather than the 4 rooms historically utilized.
 - iv. The Board is considering raising the tournament entry fees from \$15 to \$20 in addition to reducing expenses.
 - v. It has been suggested that VDBC raise its game fees from \$4 to \$5. That would raise \$46,000, more than needed. The Board will consider if needed.
 - vi. Donna Brown is in discussions with Real Bridge regarding VDBC hosting online games which would raise additional funds for VDBC.
 - vii. VDBC is looking to expand to Olympia with games starting in April, pending obtaining the necessary equipment.
 - viii. VDBC has requested a room for bridge classes twice a week for 5 weeks. The Villages has indicated that it would charge VDBC \$1,000 for the room. VDBC is currently in discussions with VDBC.
- c. Paul Matheson presented a history of the use of Villages venues.
 - i. VDBC is allowed to charge fees to cover costs associated with the activity and The Villages will provide a room without charge.
 - ii. However, if participants include any non-Villagers, The Villages will charge rent – either a flat fee or 30% of gross revenues at the user's choice.

4. Audience Questions:

- a. It was suggested that VDBC raise player fees by \$1 and raise what we pay game directors and teachers.
- b. Nancy Turner reminded the audience that VDBC will hold a fund raising game for Alzheimer's on 3/8/26. The game will be a stratified pair game (Open & <750). Nancy reported that there is a anonymous donor challenge who will match any contribution of at least \$50 up to an aggregate maximum matching contribution of \$7,500.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim O'Brien, Secretary