

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lake Miona Recreation Center

June 16, 2026

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

1. **Attendance:**

- a. Board Members Paul Matheson, President; Judy Smith, Vice President; Jim O'Brien, Secretary; Merle Erlich; Nancy Turner; Dutch Dresser; Jon Williams; Russ Pearly and Bruce Thiher. Also in attendance were Deb Brunoehler, Web Site Manager, Tom Tessier, Treasurer; Pat Holmes and John Quinn, Head Directors and Donna Brown Club Manager.

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

- a. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Minutes for both the Board of Directors Meeting and the Executive Session Meeting held on May 19, 2026.

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

- a. The following decisions taken since the May 19, 2026 board Meeting were ratified.
 - 1. Allow Donna Brown to submit a reservation request for a Sectional Tournament to be held from January 29, 2027 to January 31, 2027 at the Savannah Center.
 - 2. Allow Donna Brown to rent storage space at the Rolling Acres storage area.

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

- a. July, 2026 Game Schedule-
 - 1. July 11 (Saturday) Lake Miona is closed. Jim O'Brien (permit holder) will be submitting a request for another venue.
- b. Longest Day Alzheimer's charity game will be held on Sunday, June 21, 2026.
- c. Club Manager comment: There have been players that have indicated that it would be more convenient to raise the club game fees to \$5.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Tom Tessier provided the following May, 2026 Reports which he had previously emailed to Board Members.
 - a. Operating Report for the month of May, 2026.
 - b. Comparative Profit and Loss Statement for the one (1) month ended May 31, 2026 versus May 31, 2025.
 - c. Comparative Profit and Loss Statement for the six (6) months ended May 31, 2026 versus May 31, 2025.
 - d. 2026 Profit and Loss Statement by month for January-May, 2026.
 - e. Comparative Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2026 versus May 31, 2025.
- b. Tom recapped and provided highlights for May, 2026
 - a. VDBC hosted 96 games with 984.0 tables.
 - b. There were 36 free plays and 4 guests.
 - c. For the month of May, 2026, VDBC's gross revenues were \$16,188.73 and expenses were \$18,529.03.
 - d. VDBC had a net loss of \$2,340.30 for the month ended May 31, 2026.
- c. At month-end, VDBC had the following balances.
 - a. Checking \$30,276.79
 - b. 12 Month 3.75% CD maturing 7/10/26 \$40,000.00
 - c. Equity balance \$59,119.76
- d. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report with thanks from the Board for the Report.

6. Report on Status of Tournaments (Donna Brown):

- a. June, 2026 Sectional Tournament-
 - 1. There were 227.5 tables, 21 tables less than the January, 2026 Sectional Tournament and 10 tables less than the June, 2025 Sectional Tournament.
 - 2. The Corey Krantz lectures were well received.
- b. November, 2026 Open Sectional and 499'r Regional Tournament-
 - 1. The deposit has been made to Savannah Center for the venue.
 - 2. Will begin focusing on the Tournament in August.
- c. January, 2027 Sectional Tournament-
 - 1. Approval for the Savannah Center is pending.
- d. June, 2027 Sectional Tournament-
 - 1. ACBL permits have been received.
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7. Status of Mike Gilbert Reservation System Program:

- a. The Reservation System developed by Mike Gilbert appears to work well including seeding of players. However, the cost of the GoDaddy Dot.Net hosting has become a significant issue. Mike is searching for a reasonably priced commercial server hosting. VDBC is paying \$600 per year for hosting the current reservation system. Mike is continuing to work on the Reservation Program.

8. Discussion of Summer Game Schedule (Jon Williams):

- a. Jon Williams presented a summary on club game attendance from May 1, 2026 through June 11, 2026.
 - a. Eleven (11) of the club games remained quite healthy, having an average attendance of 13 tables or more.
 - b. Three (3) of the club games are just covering their direct costs.
 - c. Six (6) of the club games have attendance below the break-even point. One game in particular (Thursday morning under 20mp) has had very poor attendance, averaging only 3.5 tables per game.
- b. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to suspend the Thursday morning under 20mp game for the period from 7/1/26 through 9/30/26. This game will be revisited at the August, 2026 Board meeting.

9. Discussion of Zero Tolerance Issues:

- a. There have been numerous complaints of players badgering opponents and constantly criticizing partner. This is not acceptable. The problem is that players are reluctant to file a written complaint, without which, the Recorder cannot take action.
- b. The Board feels that it needs to get the word out to players that such behavior will not be tolerated.
- c. In an effort to curb such behavior, the Board has requested that John Quinn notify the Game Directors to notify the Board if the Game Director receives verbal player complaints from players unwilling to submit a written complaint. The Board will formally issue warnings to such player against whom such complaints are made.

10. Tardiness Issues:

- a. Players are encouraged to arrive at the games at least 15 minutes before game time. There continue to be instances of players arriving at or near game time which, in some instances, causes delays in starting the game when such arrivals cause the game movement to be changed. The Board requested that John Quinn (1) advise the Game Directors to discuss the tardiness issues with the offending players and (2) remind the Game Directors that they have the option of issuing procedural penalties for such tardiness.

11. New Business

- a. VDBC has received a request to find out its interest in utilizing "Villagessocial.com" to promote its activities. Dutch Dresser will review and report back to the Board.
- b. VDBC was formed in 1986. It was suggested that a special event be held in the Fall to celebrate VDBC's 40th anniversary of its formation. Paul Matheson will include a request for volunteers in his weekly newsletter.
- c. It was recommended that VDBC avoid holding the Open Swiss games on holiday weekends during the months of December, January, and February and to move the games to an earlier weekend in those months.

- 12.** The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at Lake Miona Recreation Center at 4:30pm.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jim O'Brien, Secretary