

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lake Miona Recreation Center

May 19, 2026

Judy Smith called the meeting to order after the Executive Session at 5:15pm.

1. **Attendance:**

- a. Board Members: Judy Smith, Vice President; Merle Erlich; Nancy Turner; Dutch Dresser; Jon Williams; Russ Pearly and Bruce Thiher. Also in attendance were Tom Tessier, Treasurer; Pat Holmes and John Quinn, Head Directors; Harry Messenheimer, Education Director, and Donna Brown Club Manager.
- b. A motion was made, seconded and carried to excuse Paul Matheson, President and Jim O'Brien, Secretary.

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

- a. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the April 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes, previously distributed to Board.

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

- a. There were no decisions made with e-mail votes of the Board of Directors since the April 21, 2026 board meeting.

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

- a. Eisenhower will be closed on Friday, June 5th. If an alternative venue cannot be secured, the 1:00pm open game will be combined with the **9:00AM** <750 game at Sea Breeze. Jim O'Brien will advise.
- b. Savannah Tournament rental fees are due on May 29.
Merle and Donna will meet with Savannah staff on May 21 to finalize Tournament physical plant details.
- c. The June 21 Longest Day Alzheimer's game at Sea Breeze will feature a Potluck Lunch in between 9:00AM and 1:00PM session.
John Williams to check on availability of use of side room to serve lunch.
- d. Game Directors are asked to:
 1. monitor reservations just prior to game set up.
 2. In event of a fouled board, Directors are asked to photograph hand in order to help Deni understand what has happened.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

- a. Tom Tessier provided the following April, 2026 Reports which he had previously emailed to Board Members.
 1. Operating Report for the month of April, 2026
 2. Comparative Profit and Loss Statement for the one (1) month ended April 30, 2026 versus April 30, 2025
 3. Comparative Profit and Loss Statement for the four (4) months ended April 30, 2026 versus April 30, 2025.
 4. 2026 Profit and Loss Statement by month for January-April, 2026.
 5. Comparative Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2026 versus April 30, 2025.
- b. Tom recapped and provided highlights for April, 2026

1. VDBC hosted 102 games with 1,169.0 tables.
2. There were 77 free plays and 19 guests.
3. For the month of April, 2026, VDBC's gross revenues were \$19,055.92 and expenses were \$22,476.70.
4. VDBC had a net loss of \$3,420.78 for the month ended April 30, 2026.
- c. At month-end, VDBC had the following balances.
 1. Checking \$36,210.76
 2. 12 Month 3.75% CD maturing 7/10/26 \$40,000.00
 3. Equity balance \$61,486.06
- d. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report with thanks from the Board for the Report.

6. **Status of Mike Gilbert Reservation System Program:**

- a. Dutch Dresser reported that most of the work on the seating and reservation portion of the program is completed
- b. He directed Board members to an email detailing how reservation screens will appear to members and administrators as well.

7. **Discussion of the Proposed Summer Game Schedule:**

- a. Harry Messenheimer presented a clarification of the benefits of keeping the <20 Thursday morning Sea Breeze Game over the summer
 1. A successful 22 lesson cycle is already in place
 2. Director is able to answer players' questions during actual game as/ACBL rules
- b. A motion was made, carried, and seconded to keep both Thursday 9:00AM games for the summer.
- c. Jon Williams was asked to check actual ACBL ruling on what level of games assistance is allowed during game play
(We have been working under the assumption that it is limited to <20 games.) Pending Jon's findings, further discussion may be appropriate.

8. **Clarification of Standing Committees for Tournaments:**

- a. Merle Erlich clarified structure of Standing 4- Person Core Committee:
 1. Donna Brown, Chair
 2. Merle Erlich, Co-Chair: Volunteer Personnel
 3. Nancy Turner, Kitchen Set Up & Supplies
 4. Wanda Rainbolt, Swiss Team Hospitality and general administrative support
- b. Standing Support Team
 1. Rec Center Equipment (bridgemates, clock, etc.) picked up and returned from Tournament: **John Quinn, Head Director**
 2. Facilitation of Move to and from Storage Unit: **Deb and Phil Brunoehler**
 3. Measurement of Room for table placement as/ABL specs: **Bill & Jenny Cleary**
 4. Physical Set Up on site Coordinator: **Gary Bowron**
 5. Audio Visual: **Deb Brunoehler**
 6. Educational Presentations: **Harry Messenheimer**
 7. Partnership Desk: **Marge Sarno**
 8. Take Down Coordinator:
 9. End of Tournament Board Member Assist: **Jim O'Brien**

9. **Alzheimer's Challenge (Nancy Turner)**

- a. We have met the first \$7500 challenge. As of March 30, \$17,082 has been collected.
- b. Approval sought for club donation of 40 free plays for raffle. A motion was made, seconded and carried for approval.
- c. Approval sought for continued club donation of \$5 entry fees. A motion was made, seconded and carried for approval.

10. **Partnership Chair Person Change of Responsibilities**

- a. Jan Masterson will no longer arrange for Swiss Team partnerships, but will keep organizing requested individual partnerships for our members as well as guests and newcomers to the Villages
- b. The Board of Directors thanks Jan for all of her work and appreciates that she will continue.
- c. A new Swiss Partnership Chairperson will be found.

11. **New Business**

- a. Harry Messenheimer recommended that the club reimburse O'Dell instructors 50 cents /registrants for pastries they may provide.
A motion was made, seconded, and failed to pass.
- b. A discussion on eliminating the >300 Thursday Game was tabled.
- c. Tardiness problem to be placed on June Agenda.

12. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at Lake Miona Recreation Center at 4:30pm.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Erlich, Board Member