THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Lake Miona Recreation Center
September 15, 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); Jon Williams; Merle Erlich; Dutch Dresser and Bruce Thiher. Also in attendance were Donna Brown, Club Manager; and Pat Holmes, Scheduler.

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 August 18, 2026.
    b. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Minutes for the Executive Board Meetings held on July 1, 2026 and July 15, 2026.

3. ***Ratification of Decisions Taken Since Last Board Meeting***:
    a. The following decision which took place since the August 18, 2026 Board Meeting was ratified.
        a. The number of reservations will not be limited by section in games with multiple masterpoint sections. Reservations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The total combined reservations will not exceed 28 tables.

4. ***Club Manager's Report (presented by Donna Brown)***:
    a. Charity Games:
        a. Donna Brown reached out to Gordon Pfeiffer RE: Soup Kitchen/Pantry/Seeds of Hope and received the requested charitable information.
        b. Jim O'Brien will copy and circulate information received from Little Dog Ranch.
        c. April was the ACBL charity month. In addition, VDBC is permitted to have one week of charity games in some undedicated month. Therefore, VDBC could run charity games in one of the weeks in November or December of 2026.
    b. ACBL Membership Games
        a. Under the conditions of contest, both players must be ACBL members to win masterpoint awards
        b. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to forego running any ACBL Membership games.

c. Game schedule update:
    a. October-
        1. There will be two (2) weeks of Club Appreciation games in October
        2. 8 is Enough team games will be run on 10/4/26 and 10/18/26.
            a. One of which will be a Club appreciation team game run one of the weeks selected for Club Appreciation games.
            b. The other will be a GNT qualifying game.
        3. Open team games will be run on 10/11/26 and 10/25/26.
            a. One of which will be a Club appreciation team game run in the other week selected for Club Appreciation games.
            b. The other will be a GNT qualifying game.
    b. November-
        1. Alzheimer's Charity Game will be run on Sunday, 11/1/26.
        2. 8 Is Enough team games will be run on 11/8/26 & 11/29/26.
        3. Open GNT team game will be run on 11/15/26.
d. 24 Table movement cards are now available at all of VDBC venues.
e. Paul Dalley is looking for people to play on his website. Board decided not to pursue this request since Mr. Dalley is a for-profit organization and VDBC is a tax-exempt organization.
f. Motion made, seconded, and carried to approve Club Manager's Report with thanks from the Board for the Report

5. Treasurer's Report (presented by Jim O'Brien):

a. Jim O'Brien provided the following August, 2026 Reports which had been previously emailed to Board Members.
    a. Operating Report for the month of August, 2026.
    b. Comparative Profit and Loss Statement for the one (1) month ended August 31, 2026 versus August 31, 2025.
    c. Comparative Profit and Loss Statement for the eight (8) months ended August 31, 2026 versus August 31, 2025.
    d. 2026 Profit and Loss Statement by month for January-August, 2026.
    e. Comparative Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2026 versus August 31, 2025.
b. Jim recapped and provided highlights for August, 2026
    a. VDBC hosted 92 games with 932.50 tables.
    b. There were 37 free plays and 2 guests.
    c. For the month of August, 2026, VDBC's gross revenues were $15,224.83 and expenses were $16,790.60.
    d. VDBC had a net loss of $1,565.77 for the month ended August 31, 2026.
c. At month-end, VDBC had the following balances.
    a. Checking $27,735.43
    b. 12 Month 3.60% CD maturing 7/10/27 $40,000.00
    c. Equity balance $56,163.83
d. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report with thanks from the Board for the Report.

6. ***Nominating Committee to Create Nominees for 2027 Board:***
    a. Russ Pearly, Jim O'Brien, and Paul Matheson volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee to seek out candidates to run for the three (3) Board of Directors positions that will become available January 1, 2027.

7. ***Report on the Status of Mike Gilbert Program:***
    a. Although there have been a couple of little glitches in the implementation of the reservation program, overall, there has been positive feedback from players. The program seems to have been very well accepted.
    b. Donna recommended that VDBC should look into purchasing the program from Mike Gilbert utilizing some type of royalty program.
    c. Paul Matheson, John Quinn, Pat Holmes, and Donna Brown with meet in October to centralize the process of resolving any problems associated with the Program in order to avoid overburdening Mike Gilbert.

8. ***Changes to Game Schedule (presented by Jon Williams)***:

    a. Addition of 1500 section to Open game on Thursday afternoon.
        a. After Board discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to add a 1500 section to the Open game on Thursday afternoon effective 10/1/26.
    b. <50 Game is having very poor attendance
        a. The need to market the benefits of <50 games was discussed.
        b. A recommendation was made to have Harry Messenheimer put together a program for <50 games.
        c. Judy Smith requested that she be provided with a list of eligible players and she will attempt to discern the reasons for the poor attendance.

9. ***Discussion of Club Policy Regarding Venue Closings***:
    a. After discussion, the Board decided the following policy was needed to deal with venue closures.
        i. First, the Permit Holder should apply for new location for the closing venue.
        ii. Second, if no new location is available, games should be merged as long as the anticipated attendance is expected to be no more than 20 tables.
        iii. Finally, if the above steps cannot be accomplished, the game held at the closed venue should be cancelled.
    b. Judy Smith will draft a policy for venue closings.

10. ***Education Director's Report (presented by Paul Matheson)***:
    a. Under 20mp game issue is still pending. The following is relevant information to the issue.
        i. Thursday morning Seabreeze games have been poorly attended. Marilyn is not interested in continuing.
        ii. Terry Oleske is willing to take over but recommends that we do not continue the Thursday morning game.
        iii. The following opportunities are already available to <20mp players.
            1. Janet Matthews has started her own "Basics and Beyond" lesson/game for <20 on Monday mornings at Water Lily. Students play 12 boards after a 40-minute lesson.
            2. Mary Jo Sergent runs a lesson/game each Thursday morning.
        iv. Harry's recommendation
            1. Actively promote Janet's Monday morning lesson/games. There is no need for VDBC to resume the Thursday morning <20 game offering.

11. ***Discussion of By Law on Accounting Review***:
    a. The Board deferred discussion on the matter until a new Treasurer is secured.

12. New Business:

a. Contributions to Alzheimer's for its most recent fiscal year, attributable to VDBC, totaled $34,690. VDBC will be receiving an award (a collapsible wagon) in recognition of its support of Alzheimer's Foundation.

13. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2026 at Lake Miona Recreation Center at 4:30pm.

At 6:05pm, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jim O'Brien, Secretary