

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Lake Miona Rec Center

December 21, 2021

Board Members present : Bob Matthews, President, Paul Matheson, Vice-President, Charlie Showalter, Dave Hudson , Nancy Turner , Nancy Brickley, Carol Ketterer. Excused absence for Nancy Jaffe, Secretary and Diane Ruggiero.

Also present were Tom Tessier, Treasurer, Russ Pearly, Club Recorder, Rick Gauthier, Head Director. Members present were Jon Williams and Phil Wolff.

Minutes accepted from November 16, 2021 meeting as submitted.

The Board ratified the following actions that were approved via emails amongst the Board members between November 17 and Dec 21,2021:

1. Members may arrive at scheduled limited games with 300 or fewer master point upper limits without a partner and be matched by the game director with a playing partner for the game.
2. Paul Matheson was appointed as temporary Club Manager and authorized to make all necessary payments to the ACBL as due.
3. Games will not be offered by the club on Dec 24 or December 31.
4. The regular weekly e-Blast will not be sent on Sunday Dec 26 or Sunday January 2.

Treasurer's Report by Tom Tessier: Results for the month of November showed a small loss of approximately -\$400. Table count for the month of November was 997 showing a decline from October total of 1,123 tables. YTD financial results for the 11 months ended November 30 show breakeven from regular activity although the Treasurer noted that a correction of <\$2,000-\$3,000> will be recorded in December to reflect a cumulative erroneous recording of revenues reported by ACBL for BBO games and Club live games. Nonetheless, due to the large grant donation received earlier in the year, the Club will report a profit for 2021.

Vice President Paul Matheson reported on the issue of appointing a Club Manager. As a temporary measure, Paul Matheson has agreed to be the interim Club Manager until a Board Committee has completed its review of the duties and responsibilities of the Club Manager position which is progressing. The Board approved this interim appointment.

Education Program Report by Bob Matthews: The Education Program will resume lessons for beginners to bridge starting in January. Janet Matthews will offer a refresher course for beginners on Thursday mornings at Seabreeze Rec Ctr. Paul Matheson will begin a "New to Bridge" lesson series on Tuesday mornings at Riverbend Rec Ctr. Specific start dates will be published on the DBC website Home Page.

Applicants for the position opening of Education Coordinator have been received and those applicants will be notified of interview dates to be conducted in early January after the holiday season has ended.

President Bob Matthews affirmed the results of the recent election of new Board members beginning January 1, 2022. The Board approved the election of Margaret Sarno, Russ Pearly and Jon Williams. Outgoing Board members Dave Hudson, Bob Matthews and Charlie Showalter were thanked for their service to the Club.

Vice President Paul Matheson reported on the status of the ongoing activity of the Compensation Committee. Currently the focus of this committee is verifying the duties of the various positions within the Club. Board member Nancy Brickley is overseeing the rewriting of the Duties and Responsibilities of each. The Committee recommended that the positions of Newsletter Editor and Assistant Editor be eliminated. The Board approved this recommendation. Further the Committee recommended the suspension of the position of Partnership Chair for both Open and Limited games with the recognition that the website Home Page will continue to have a Partnership Search function and these suspended positions may be reinstated at some point in the future. The Board approved this recommendation.

President Bob Matthews reported on the current status of games to be held south of SR 44. In early January, the Villages Rec Dept will be allocating time slots for the new Ezell Regional Rec Ctr. It is expected that the DBC will receive 3 afternoon time slots although the days are as yet unknown. Equipment for this site is in storage at the Riverbend Rec Ctr and will be moved by a group of member volunteers to Ezell as soon as is practical.

A committee headed by Rick Gauthier, Head Director and Janet Matthews, BBO Coordinator and including Bob Matthews and Paul Matheson submitted a proposed game schedule for the Board's approval. Included with the proposed schedule was a recommendation that a general guideline for all game directors will be to set up games with 18-24 boards. An evening game will start in January and all evening games will be limited to 18 boards in order to vacate the playing room by an earlier closing time now in effect at all rec centers. The new proposed schedule will be effective Monday, January 3. An e-Blast notifying members of the changed schedule will be sent and the schedule will be displayed immediately on the DBC Home Page. The Board approved the recommendation without revision.

An organizational meeting for members of the new 2022 Board will be held Monday, January 3, 2022 at 4:30pm at Seabreeze Rec Ctr. The date and location for the January, 2022 regular Board meeting will be set at that time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ketterer (in the absence of Secretary Nancy Jaffe)

