

The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club
Minutes of September 19, 2017, Board Meeting

Call to Order: Charlie Showalter, President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm at the home of Carol Ketterer due to lack of available meeting space at Lake Miona Recreation Center.

Members Present: Alex Boone, Jane Hudson, Carol Ketterer, Jeff Koltenuk, Beverly Parrish, and Charlie Showalter. Guests: Mike Lotti, and Paul Matheson.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Mike Lotti reported that the VDBC is in good financial condition. The VDBC has donated a considerable amount to charity this year. Donations totaling \$17,000 have been given to ACBL chosen charities and \$6000 to local charities. The Board approved another \$1618 to be given to the Wildwood Food Pantry and Wildwood Soup Kitchen because of the severe need in wake of Hurricane Irma. Member Appreciation weeks will be held October 1-7th and November 5-11th. The card fees will be reduced by one dollar each of those weeks.

Executive Session: The Board went into an executive session to deal with a personnel matter.

499er/NLM Sectional Tournament: Chairperson for this tournament, Carol Ketterer, reported several items about the tournament to be held November 17-19, 2017 at the Savannah Center.

The flyer for the tournament will be published in the current Sunshine News. Hospitality gifts will include pencils with the tournament name and stickers with the new VDBC Logo. Tables will be delivered to the playing site, and Alex will check into ordering approximately 15 more tables. Carol will meet with the staff at the Savannah Center on September 21 to discuss the tournament. Tournament flyers will be distributed to the Ocala, Orlando and Deland Duplicate Bridge Clubs. Our own directors, Paul Matheson and Jon Williams, will be the directors for the tournament.

Gatlinburg Regional, April 2018: Carol Ketterer will publish the rates for a private bus to take members to this tournament to determine the interest by VDBC members. A decision will be made afterwards as to the feasibility of hiring the private bus.

Election of Officers: The slate of candidates for members of the Board is due by November 1, 2017. Jeff and Carol have a list of potential candidates and will finalize the slate of candidates by November 1st.

Other Business:

Reunion Game: Babs Fischer, who ran the Reunion Game, will be retiring at the end of September. The decision was made to end the reunion game and the first Wednesday game will be limited to those with less than 400 MP. Our thanks to Babs for coordinating this event and her many years of service to the VDBC.

Tracking of Adverse Actions: The Board decided that the Secretary should be responsible for this and will forward decisions made to the future secretaries in perpetuity. This will provide an available record of events for the future.

Evaluation of A and B Players: Jeff Koltenuk will work to seed the top 20 players in the VDBC so that the directors can insure that those players are distributed across sections and directions.

Reserved N/S Tables in Season: The guidelines for reserving seats were affirmed. The person(s) requesting the N/S table must contact the director of the game ahead of time. One player at each requested N/S table must be present at least 30 minutes prior to game time and both players must be present at least 15 minutes prior to game time. Those players seated at a N/S table MUST move to an E/W seat if asked by the director. This would only happen should the physical need for a N/S table exceeded the limits of available N/S tables.

Saturday Game Venue Changes: Due to the need for chairs with arms for Open players and the restriction by the staff at Colony Cottage to provide those chairs the decision was made to move the 399/NLM game to Colony Cottage and move the Open game to Lake Miona. This will be effective October 7, 2017.

Infection Control: Member Julie Clark has concerns about the lack of “infection control” when food is served. The Board felt that members are aware of the need to safely partake of any food that is offered. No action will be taken.

Transportation: Member Buck Buchanan asked if we should offer transportation to games. Since there are so many venues for games of the VDBC the Board saw no feasible way to do this. No action will be taken.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Board will be October 10, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Parrish, Secretary