

The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club Minutes February 17, 2018 Board Meeting

Call to Order: Bob Matthews called the meeting to order at 9:00 am at the Lake Miona Recreation Center.

Members Present: Alex Booke, Jeff Koltenuk, Bob Matthews, Beverly Parrish, and Gordon Pfeiffer. **Guests:** Rick Gauthier, Mike Lotti, Paul Matheson, and Jon Williams

Minutes from Previous Meeting: The minutes of the January 20, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Mike Lotti presented the monthly financial report. January finished with a net positive balance of approximately \$914. According to current estimates the Club should finish 2018 with \$3750 increase in member reserves even with the Gala expense and member appreciation weeks etc.

Head Director's Report: The board unanimously approved Bob Vicars as a new director. Rick made a request for a Director of Rules and Regulations. Jon Williams is willing to do this on an as needed basis. The number of directors is currently at 15 for 19 games per week. He will advertise on the website to see if there is anyone interested in becoming a director or renewing their previous director status. If so, he will have an informational meeting with the new prospects. The Villages Recreation Department wants any bridge activities with an ACBL Sanction in Fenney, Leesburg or other future sites to be under the auspices of the VDBC. This will increase the need for directors even more than our current situation. Jon Williams and Pat Holmes are working on a director's manual that is very detailed and should be a tremendous help to all game directors.

Saturday 0-750 Game: The January decision by the Board to allow non-Bronze Life Masters to play in the Saturday 0-750 MP game prompted several comments. After discussion the decision was made to remove the non-BLM stipulation. This will be implemented beginning February 24, 2018.

StaC, Charity and Club Appreciation Games: Several years ago the decision was made to increase the game fee from \$2 to \$3. With that fee increase the VDBC members do not have to pay the extra fee that the ACBL requires for special games. StaC games, Charity games and other special games are examples. The Club pays that fee to the ACBL with the reserved \$1 from the fee increase. Mike Lotti has done a study of the Club's current attendance trends and expense plans. He found that the Club can continue this practice with no adverse financial effect. The Club Appreciation Games return to the members any amount not used to pay for Club initiatives or special table fees. A working schedule for the entire year for Club Appreciation Weeks will be determined and sent to the Board for approval.

Permanent Sunday Game Schedule: With the knowledge that this may change from time to time the following Sunday schedule was approved:

- First Sunday: Open Swiss
- Second Sunday: Open Pairs: March will be a Silver Sunday-No Entry Fee-Only available during a Stac Week
- Third Sunday: Mentor/Novice Game
- Fourth Sunday: Eight is Enough Swiss
- Fifth Sunday: No game

Supplies and Notification of Venue Changes: Janet Matthews orders all supplies and stocks them at Lake Miona. Directors are responsible for picking up needed supplies for their venues and are to notify Janet if any supplies are low. Janet will increase the number of batteries stocked as that stock seems to run low quickly.

The Recreation Department is supposed to notify the permit holder for each venue if a game must be moved because of scheduling conflicts. Unfortunately, this does not always happen. Sometimes they notify us but forget to notify the new venue that the game has been moved there. Alex will begin notifying the new venues personally for any changes for which we are made aware.

Desk for Rohan Recreation Center: Rick has purchased a desk for Rohan and made some changes to it. Bob will get approval for the desk to be placed at Rohan.

By-law Changes: Any by-law changes will be postponed until the incorporation discussion.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the VDBC will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 1:30 pm at SeaBreeze Recreation Center. All members are invited and welcomed to attend this meeting. A working agenda is below and will be posted on the website:

- Introduction of new board members and other officials
- Approval of minutes from previous Annual Meeting
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Head Director's Report
- Recorder's Report
- Approval of changes to Duties and Responsibilities Document
- Open Forum

Other Business: Charlie Showalter wishes to resign as the VDBC representative to the Unit and District Boards. He will be invited to the next meeting to discuss what these duties entail and then a replacement will be nominated.

The ACBL has decided that only ACBL members can play in tournaments. If a non-member wishes to play, they must either join with a full membership or a one month membership. The one month fee will be \$7.99. This is currently in effect.

Executive Session: The Board went into executive session with only Board members present. Personnel and compensation issues were discussed and action recommended.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board will be March 24, 2018 at 9 am at a site to be determined. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Parrish, Secretary