

## TVDBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2019

The meeting was held at Lake Miona Rec Center and was called to order at 4:30.

All Board members were present. They include Bob Matthews (President), Beverly Parrish (Vice President), Mike Kwiatkowski, Harry Freedman, Carol Ketterer, Charlie Showalter, Paul Matheson, Gordon Pfeiffer and Sally Gauthier (Secretary). Also present were Alex Booke (Club Manager) Mike Lotti (Treasurer), Vikie Adams and Rick Gauthier (Head Director).

Guests in the audience were Ann McClelland and John Blackwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without discussion.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Mike Lotti, Treasurer. He informed us that our numbers last month were better than we had previously thought. This was due to combining games on Monday night and Wednesday morning. Mike wondered if we might consider combining other games during the off-season. Rick said that the Saturday games were already at 29 tables between the two so we are not able to combine them now. We should look into this for next summer.

The club is positive so far this year financially. We will lose in the next few months and then pick up again.

Regarding the November Sectional, we will put out 80 tables for the Saturday game.

Mike Lotti said that Rich Seidman bought a mouse for the new computer which was not previously approved. The board gave authorization to the Treasurer to reimburse people for small expenditures up to \$100 without previous Board approval, but that he should advise the Board of the expenditure at the next Board meeting.

Mike Lotti advised that his count of games in July was different than Janet Matthew's count. She is the person who makes up the boards and her compensation is based on \$15 per game, regardless of number of boards dealt. The Board decided that combined games count as two games whereas 2-section

games count as one game. Janet earns less in a 2-section game than a combined game. Friday night is an exception because it is a planned combined game.

Alex Boone, Club Manager, said that the price of badges is going up September 1<sup>st</sup> by \$1.00 Small badges will now be \$6.00 and large badges \$7.00. It was decided that Alex will send emails to the directors when the badges are in and that they will be held at the Lake Miona Rec Center. The badges can be picked up whenever there is a game going on at Lake Miona.

Rick Gauthier presented the Head Director's Report. He has spoken with various directors to clarify our new rulings.

Andy Sloan, a member, offered to do a convention card class to help ensure that cards are filled out correctly. Cards for both members of a pair should be the same.

Rick said that the Sunday minimum table rule is going well. He will run another Individual game on a Sunday since the other two games were popular.

Rick advised that he has been using Pat Holmes in the position of Scheduler almost since he took over as Head Director. She has done a fantastic job and starting July 1 Rick started paying for her to play on Monday afternoons. He is asking for compensation for her. It was decided that she will receive 20 free plays for September and 30 free plays per quarter thereafter. Gordon Pfeiffer will handle this.

Rick told the Board that his job has grown too much and is taking up too much time and energy from him. He suggested the formulation of a new position called Director of Regulations. He thought that of the people available Jon Williams would be the best and most available to perform the duties of this job. Jon and Rick have already discussed this and Jon is agreeable to taking on the position. Rick suggested that compensation could be \$100 per month. The Board agreed to

the new position, to the compensation of \$100 per month and to Jon Williams filling this role. The Director of Regulations job description will be kept by the Secretary in our Board Meeting binder.

Paul Matheson suggested that we may eventually have to do a split club into north and south as the club has grown so large both in area and population.

Rick Gauthier has a new listing of Club Policies. Bob Matthews, President directed us to table this for the next meeting. The Director play policy proposed by Rick is approved. Bev Parrish noted that under Club Policies the directive to prohibit announcements by members for charitable donations needs to be added.

Sally Gauthier reported that two applications were received for the Backup Position to the Treasurer. Sandy Boone applied but indicated that she would serve as back-up only and not interested in taking on the full job. Susan Fraser also applied, seems well-qualified and did not put a limit on her role. Alex Boone spoke on his wife Sandy's behalf and said that Sandy was only applying to help out the Club and did not really want the position. All agreed that Susan was clearly the right person to move forward with at this time. Sally will send the candidates letters and Mike Lotti will set up a meeting with Susan and then get back to us.

The Board approved the expense of the new computer (amended to \$475.) and a PDF converter for Janet Matthews (at \$79.99).

The Board approved a new Charity Request Form to reflect that the money raised in the previous quarter would be the amount given in the present quarter. For example, in September we will decide what percentage of money goes to each charity to be sent out in the October through December quarter. Two weeks before the March, June, September and December meetings the Secretary will send out the Charity Request Forms received for the next quarters consideration.

The Larry Cohen Seminar is booked for February 6, 2020 at the Rohan Center. It will be an all day event. The fee is \$95.00 and includes lunch. Larry has agreed to a

60/40 split based on \$75.00.

The dates given to us for the 2020 Fall Sectional by The Villages and ACBL are not tenable. Alex would like to check into rental places to hold the Sectional. The Wildwood Center is an option and the new hotel at Brownwood may be an option. Alex will look into the options and report back to us. Paul said we should look into dates for 2021 now for a regional or sectional.

Bob Matthews said that he and Jeff Overby of the ACBL have been looking into the prospect of a Regional here for 2021 or 2022. Alex Boone, Charlie Showalter and Bob Matthews will set up a meeting with The Villages and Jeff Overby to discuss options. Someone wondered if we could be declared an open club in compensation for holding a Regional.

The Board agreed not to hold a Club Social for 2020 and to cease the provision of appointment calendars.

Bob Matthews reports that the Thursday non-sanctioned group has had four plus tables per week and is losing about \$2.00 per week. The game will end in September and those people will then hopefully go to the Wednesday morning and Monday evening games. Bob thinks that this has worked out well for the people who participated and the club.

Paul Matheson said that some games get too crowded in the winter and that we might want to consider satellite games at Coconut Cove or other neighborhood recreation centers. The Everglades Rec Center will be fully equipped for bridge as another option. We don't want to miss the boat, maybe we should have 3 games a week at some of the key times- Monday afternoon and Wednesday 750 games.

Anne McClelland addressed the board with her concerns. She lives in Fenney and said there is a need for beginner lessons there. Bob Matthews said we could not use the Fenney Recreation Center for games but can use it for lessons. There will be new classes opening at The Everglades Rec Ctr in January. Anne was also

concerned about privacy with our personal analysis feature on the website. Per Paul Matheson, we cannot eliminate this feature alone. He did note that we have a Sectional Programs section on the website that could be eliminated as it has not been updated for 3 years. Bob Matthews said he will ask her Web Administrator to remove this section.

Rick Gauthier reported that during discussions with ACBL personnel he discovered that local clubs can make some of its own rules. While it has been discovered that sub-standard doubles of contracts are legal according to the ACBL, we can adjust this. Paul Matheson would like it to show at least 8 points or rule of 17 (points plus number of cards in two longest suits) for a take-out double. It was agreed that this would be added to our list of Club Policies. Violations of this policy would be cause for a procedural penalty.

Beverly Parrish noted that we have several people going off the Board soon and we should set up a nominating committee to come up with new candidates by November. Those members going off of the Board are Paul Matheson, Beverly Parrish, Carol Ketterer and Mike Kwiatkowski.

John Blackwell addressed the Board to see he could get support for a regular weekday team games which would include hand records. Rick Gauthier said that the movements he is looking for are not supported by ACBL Score and are too limiting. An even number is required to run this movement. Bob Matthews directed Rick Gauthier to look into the feasibility of this game and get back to the Board.

The next Board meeting will be September 17, 2019 at Lake Miona Rec. Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Gauthier, Treasurer

