

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES JUNE 18, 2019

Call to Order: Bob Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:55pm

Members Present: Carol Ketterer, Vikie Adams, Bob Matthews, Sally Gauthier, Beverly Parrish, Harry Freedman, Charlie Showalter, Gordon Pfeiffer

Others Present: Rick Gauthier, Alex Boone, Russ Pearly

Excused Absence: Mike Kwiatkowski

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without comment.

Although Mike Lotti, the Treasurer, was not in attendance he sent everyone a copy of his report and comments. Most notable is that the table count was down for the month of May, but we are just to watch this and not panic since all other months have been up as usual.

Rick Gauthier, Head Director, said that he was still disappointed in our attendance for Sunday games even though various new ideas have been tried. He suggested that he might curtail team games in July and August. Carol Ketterer suggested we try a Sunday pairs game or Silver Sunday during STAC week. Friday night venues have been confirmed for July. We still need a venue for the 7/13/19 morning game and Rick asked Alex to look into one. The Appeals Committee needs to be revamped because several "members" are no longer available to do the job. The last cabinet change-over will be completed this week. Coconut Cove looks good as the replacement for the Laurel Manor venue for July. He and Kelly will move everything over. Member Jon Williams suggested to him that for the summer we should open the capped master point games in an effort to get more tables per event. Rick suggested that the Thursday 4:30 Rohan game, the Friday night 6:15 Laurel game and the Saturday 9:00 morning game be seasonally raised to 0-300 masterpoints. The Board of Directors agreed to make this change until October 1.

A long discussion ensued regarding when a Director can play in the game he is directed. This resulted in a NEW POLICY adopted by the Board. From July 1, 2019 a Director shall not play for any reason in any game where the master point limit exceeds 50 points. Players arriving late may play as many boards as time or the director permits and will receive average minus on any not completed, those who leave early for reasons other than illness will receive an average minus on boards not played and those leaving for illness will receive no plays.

It is inevitable that Mike Lotti, may leave his position as Treasurer at some point and that we need to make back-up plans in case of his leaving or incapacity. Alex Boone's name is on the checkbook and he needs Mike to show him how to access the financial information which exists. It was pointed out that Mike should give us written documentation regarding how to access this information. This subject will be tabled until the next meeting when Mike will be in attendance.

Our June sectional was down 64 tables from last years June sectional. The gross was \$15254 (including

\$380. in donations) from some of our members. Since our playing fee was raised it looks as though we still have a good profit from the tournament but we will wait for all bills to be paid to know the accurate amount. The extra lunches from Sunday were donated to the Wildwood Food Kitchen. All agreed that the Savannah Center was a nice venue for the tournament. Discussing the November sectional we have been told that we need 4 directors rather than 3 for an increase in expenses of \$2000. It was agreed to increase the fee to \$13 per session to help defray this extra cost with Sunday Swiss at \$112 per team including lunch. We have latitude to set up our own strats for the tournament. The suggested strats are as follows:

Open game- A 3000 plus, B 1000-2999, C 0-999

Limited game-A300-499NLM, B 100-299, C 0-99

Regarding the upcoming Bridge Sectional at Sea for April, the flyers have been put out. An ACBL director will run the event and Robert Todd will give a lecture or seminar each day. There is no cost or monetary benefit to the club. The cost per bridge player will be about \$2000 per person. The trip is limited to 112 bridge players. This may be changed to a regional in the future if successful.

We still need to know if a Federal ID number is a requirement for charities applying for help from us. Gordon Pfeiffer will ask Mike Lotti and then the applications will be sent out as part of the Email Blast . The decision of which charities to accept can be done by a sub-committee rather than the full Board.

This is Vikie Adams last meeting as a member of the Board of Directors. She is of course welcome to attend future meetings as a non-member.

Due to Tom Bush's health the Board feels it would be advisable to seek a suitable qualified and enthusiastic person who could be trained by Tom, ready to take over as the Webmaster in due course of time, as and when Tom decides he no longer wishes to act in this capacity, or is unable to continue due to health reasons.

The next Board meeting will be July 16, 2019 at 4:30 pm at Lake Miona Rec Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully Submitted, Sally Gauthier, Secretary