

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB  
MINUTES, MARCH 19, 2019

Call to Order: Beverly Parrish called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Beverly Parrish, Sally Gauthier, Alex Boone, Charlie Showalter, Vikie Adams, Gordon Pfeiffer, Harry Freedman, Carol Ketterer and Mike Kwiatkowski.

Guests: Rick Gauthier, Mike Lotti, Paul Matheson Russ Pearly, Harle Phelps

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A correction was needed in the bonus section. Marvin Wells is paid a \$100. Bonus. Minutes are otherwise accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The week we collected \$1 extra per play for the capital fund resulted in a \$1700 net for the week. The actual income in relation to the projected income for February was very close, within \$200. Mike Lotti did a study which showed that we did not lose very much in table count so far this year caused by the cancellation of several of our games. The table count for February was 1640.5. This compares to 1532.5 in February 2018 for a 7% year-on-year increase. Year to date, the table count is 3331.5 which is about 6.8% higher than the YTD count in 2018 of 3118.5

Head Director's Report: There was an instance when a director only charged a 1/8 of a board penalty for a cell phone violation. This was not right, as all cell phone penalties should be 1/4 of a board for a first cell phone violation. There will not be a mentor/novice game in April. Yesterday someone made a reservation for a non-existing Monday morning game. Additionally, the reservation system shows all games are full on a day when only one of the games is full on one of the screens. This is confusing, but won't matter in another month when our population is lower. This will be mentioned in the email blast. The programmer should be able to correct this and give us the ability to block out times when there are no games. Rick Gauthier, Gordon Pfeiffer and Russ Pearly will liaise with Jay Whipple, the administrator of our reservation system, to try to make the changes we would like to the system. Rick pointed out that people should use the

reservation system all year even if we are not busy at the time. Rick has heard that a new and experienced

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director may be moving here, which would be nice.

Status of Data Capture Forms for Considerations for Local Charities: These are not done as of yet.

Status Report on Replacement for the Club Data Base Manager: Bob Matthews has received two applications for the job and will continue to accept applications until the end of March.

Report on Education Visit by Robert Todd on 3/16/19: Alex Booke reported that the event was very successful. We grossed \$6600 and netted approximately \$2300. The only person who was comped to attend was the person whose house Mr. Todd stayed at. Some people found it too long a day and wondered if the sessions could be split. The sentiment was that was not feasible unless he was already in the area and we could get him to come for just a half day. Larry Cohen has indicated that he would like to come to The Villages in 2020 and this was encouraged. On the other hand, the ticket sales for the Member's Party have been disappointing. Only about 95 tickets have been sold to date which is half of last year. The difference in price (\$10 compared to the \$25 for this year) may be the reason. We will continue to sell tickets through Friday morning, but as it stands now we will lose just a small amount, maybe \$200.

Report from Russ Pearly in Regard to ACBL Advice on Game Director Play: A director should never fill in for a zero tolerance situation. They should assess an average minus for the person deemed at fault and an average plus for the non-offending player. If the non-offending player feels that he cannot finish the round because he is too upset, the director should not play in his place. If the director agrees that the person is too upset to continue playing and cannot ascertain which party is at fault, then a no play should be given. Directors also should not play if it makes a ½ table or in games with over 17 tables for any reason.

Other Business: Vikie Adams reported that she has heard and experienced that new players are sometimes treated badly at Swiss Team games. There have been incidences when players want to pick which pair of the

opposing team they play against based on how strong they feel each pair is. This can be an unpleasant situation and she said it was enough to turn her off from playing Swiss Teams again. This especially can come up in the Eight is

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Enough games and Gordon Pfeiffer will write up a guideline pertaining to this situation. Sally Gauthier also advised a similar experience in a recent Swiss game where the other team caused an awkward situation while trying to pick who they wanted to play against. We will not take any action on this now but will all give some thought to it. Carol Ketter reported that she will not be running our Fall tournament which will run from November 22, 2019-November 24, 2019. She said that no matter what, we should not provide lunch as it is just too much work. We have checked to see if this tournament can be converted to an open tournament and will know in April after the District 9 tournament committee reconvenes. Regardless of which type of tournament it ends up as, we will need a new chairperson or committee of people to run it. If it is an open tournament, then the ACBL would have to provide the directors.

Executive Session: The Board went into executive session to discuss sensitive matters. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sally Gauthier, Secretary