

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Bob Matthews, President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 at Lake Miona Recreation Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Ketterer, Charlie Showalter, Gordon Pfeiffer, Mike Lotti, Harry Freedman, Bob Matthews, Rick Gauthier, Beverly Parrish, Paul Matheson, Mike Kwiatkowski, Sally Gauthier. Excused member absent: Alex Boone

GUESTS PRESENT: Gale Carroll, Jennie Cleary and Janet Matthews

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Accepted without discussion

TREASURER'S REPORT: The club assets stand at \$31,054. Our table count is up 3.7% up in 2019 so far as compared to 2018. If all goes as expected we should be up \$10,000 for the year, dependent on the upcoming sectional of course. We could afford to buy things that we might need. Carol said she heard the bid boxes at Colony Rec Center are shabby and Janet said a number of boxes and boards are broken. Mike reported that he continues to try and train Susan Fraser as his backup. She may do things differently but he thinks it will work. The treasury report was accepted.

HEAD DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The schedule for Sundays in December will be as follows: Non life master swiss (12/1) open swiss (12/8), mentor/novice game (12/15) no game on the 22nd, and pro-am game (12/29). He requested permission to be a playing director if that became necessary to round out the tables at the Pro Am games and this was granted by the Board. Terry Oleske is doing well as a new director. Steve Macheel is back and is being useful. Jim Strazzere has resigned as a director effective December 1. We also have a new director in The Villages named Ann Smallen and she is eager to help. Additionally, Jim Dick, a national director is moving here and will be interested in directing here. At the moment we actually have a surplus of qualified directors. Colony will not be available on certain dates and Rick and Alex will need to coordinate better on closures. On December 14 and 28 the Colony Cottage and Lake Miona games will combine. The Thursday morning game should

Just be an open game, not a split one as designated because it is not a big enough game to be two viable games.

MEMBER REQUEST IN RESPECT TO THE STATUS OF THE FRIDAY EVENING GAME: Gale Carroll addressed the board with a request that the Friday night limited game be returned to its former 0-99 status so the newer members among us can be more comfortable. She provided us with a petition of 103 names supporting her request. Twelve of the people on the petition indicated that they would be fine with a 149 upper limit. Gale also provided us with a spread sheet of the Friday night game showing number of tables and statistics of success by players with under 100 masterpoints before and after the master point limits were changed for that game. The Board agreed to change that game back to a 99 masterpoint limit effective 12/1/19. This may be changed again next June.

REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST MEETING, INCLUDING INTER-MEETING DECISIONS: There were no email votes taken. Paul Matheson provided a handout explaining what had transpired since the last meeting. There was a discussion concerning the lack of cooperation we have been receiving from the Unit/District regarding future sectional dates. A discussion was had regarding the viability of creating a new district to get better control of our activities. Bob Matthews reported he had conversations with member of several local clubs about creating a new unit to include clubs from Gainesville, St. Pete, The Villages and Ocala. Paul spoke with Betty Sandifer, President of Unit 128. She asked if he would be interested in being an advisor to the unit. He told her he was interested but would run it by our Board first.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER SECTIONAL: Savannah Center, 100 tables to set up, 4 ACBL directors. Same food truck as last time. Tshirts for Tampa National will be sold.

CHARITIES APPLICATIONS: All new applications were handed out, will be sent by email attachment in the future. Charity decisions will be made at the December meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF A CARD DEALER FOR EVERGLADES: We need to have a backup card dealer for Janet as we do for all of the other key positions since we may be

expanding south soon. Bob Matthews recused himself for this discussion and Beverly Parrish took over as she is the Vice President. Rick Gauthier is opposed to having directors do the dealing as an additional task. Janet Matthews, our card dealer, advised that Margaret Sarno is efficient and she will discuss with her taking on some additional responsibilities. This will be revisited at a later meeting.

UPDATE REGARDING 2020 SECTIONALS: Paul Matheson reported that he had a meeting at Wildwood Community Center to determine the availability of the Center from Tuesday -Thursday November 17-19, 2020. The Center is already committed on the Tuesday morning but available the rest of the time. He said he would get back to them. He also received an email from the representative of the new Brownwood Hotel asking if we had a budget set for renting for a tournament. He said that we did not but were negotiating with another venue with a figure of \$1100 per day. He has not heard back from them.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS: Beverly Parrish is working on getting the bios of the candidates published. The vote will be held from December 1 through December 15. They will be counted on December 16 at 9:00 AM and we will need to find a venue.

UPCOMING "NEW TO BRIDGE " COURSE AND NEW VENUE AT RIVERBEND: The 2 over 1 system will be taught at our new classes. Paul Matheson will teach a class at Riverbend which will be followed by a series of supervised play games. This will be advertised in December and will be \$5 per class. The 12 week course will be capped at 50 participants.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Susan Frasier would like to give up her role in the Education program. Bob Matthews who chairs that department would like Andy Sloan to replace her as back up Education Director. This motion was passed. Carol Ketterer advised that the system to provide free plays given to players ANY advancing in rank has become too unwieldy. This will be discussed at another time. Rick Gauthier said that he was against the idea of overflow rooms for games and said that there are only a few games each year that this would apply to anyway. Rick also advised that a player who has booked for the wrong game then goes to the bottom of the list for the game he meant to sign up for.

NEXT MEETING: December 17, 2019 at 4:30 at Lake Miona Recreation Center

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Gauthier, Secretary

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