

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE BOARD CLUB  
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Bob Matthews, Club President, called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm at Lake Miona.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Pfeiffer, Charlie Showalter, Nancy Turner, Nancy Jaffe, Nancy Brickley, Dave Hudson, Harry Friedman, Bob Matthews, Sally Gauthier, Vikie Adams, Rick Gauthier (Head Director), Paul Matheson, Alex Boone and guest Pat Pointinger. Mike Lotti (Treasurer) is an excused absence.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Accepted without discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The education program is progressing well. So far this year 639 people have attended education classes and \$3875 has been banked from the program. We also showed a profit of about \$4000 from the Larry Cohen seminar. The club's net assets at the end of January 2020 was \$41, 587 and the current year forecast is expected to be positive.

HEAD DIRECTOR'S REPORT: After Rick Gauthier reported that 4 pairs on his reservation list for the 2/17/20 game contained players who were not on the reservation the Board voted to add the following to our reservation policy:

Effective 3/1/20, if either member of a scheduled pair cannot attend the game that they have a reservation for, then the reservation must be canceled even if that person has been replaced. The remaining person and new partner would have to go to the back of the waiting list if there is one. Similarly, if one of the partners has been wrongly identified for any reason, then the pair would also go to the back of the waiting list. There will be a training session for all Directors this coming Sunday run by Rick Gauthier and Jon Williams (Director of Rules and Regulations). Rick reported that we will be running a Board-a-Match and a game with master points limited to 2000 on some upcoming Sundays. Nancy Brickley reminded us that name tags are a good tool in making our games friendlier.

MEMBER PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Pat Pointinger addressed the Board in her capacity as Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter staff would like to survey our

members who attend games to determine how many are veterans or foreign-born and then write an article presenting the results. They will pass out papers 10

minutes before game time asking these questions. The directors will collect the papers and return them to her. It was suggested that she not ask for phone numbers and that they ask if any of the people has an interesting story they would like to share.

**INTERIM MATTERS FOR RATIFICATION:** A new policy on resolving conflict of interest on the Board was passed. The purpose of this policy is to protect TVDBC interests when a transaction or arrangement might benefit the private interests of an officer or director of TVDBC or his family member either financially or otherwise. The procedures are to disclose the conflict and to recuse oneself. The interested person may address the Board but should leave the meeting during the discussion of and the vote on the matter involving the possible conflict of interest. A full copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy for TVDBC shall be kept in the TVDBC Policy Handbook. Each voting member of the Board shall annually sign a statement which declares whether he or she is an independent contractor. The Executive Committee shall regularly monitor and enforce compliance with this policy by reviewing annual statements and taking actions necessary for effective oversight. Outside experts may be used but shall not relieve the Board of its responsibilities.

**PREPARATIONS FOR OCTOBER WEEKEND EVENT:** Dave Hudson and Russ Pearly have been brainstorming about the 10/20 weekend to be held at La Hacienda Rec Center. They are proposing that it be called a Celebration Tournament to celebrate the growth of TVDBC. We have the venue for Friday and Saturday and Bob Matthews will see if we can also get it for Thursday for set up and a possible Thursday night game. We will announce that our goal is to become the largest and friendliest bridge club in the country. The focus will be on team games, perhaps one-session bracketed Swiss team games. Vikie Adams (Data Base Manager) will see if the games can have "Club Appreciation" status for enhanced masterpoints. Regular games for that weekend will be cancelled. A Saturday night banquet including non-playing spouses is under consideration, possibly a pot luck dinner. The special weekend will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

CHARITIES APPLICATION: We have one new application from It Takes a Village and will take that up at our March meeting.

CONSIDERATION FOR BY-LAW CHANGE: The issue of whether to allow people who are paid by TVDBC to serve on the Board was brought up. It was decided to uphold last year's Board decision which was that people who are paid cannot be voting members of the Board due to possible conflicts of interest.

PREPARATION FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The meeting will be held on March 1, 2020 from 11 am until noon. A financial report will be distributed at the meeting. We will discuss the statistics and status of the club, provide a preview of upcoming events and explain the Conflict of Interest Policy which was just passed. Additionally, questions will be fielded from the membership who attend the meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: We still have the June 2021 and October 2021 dates available to us. Paul Matheson will be representing us in March at the meeting of our ACBL unit. Bob Matthews strong feels that we should have two sectionals per year. Bob also is still negotiating to get us space in the southern venues of The Villages. If we can get some space, we can make do with supplies we have for the time being. Bob will also represent us in negotiations with The Villages in the attempt for TVDBC to get its own dedicated space which would be always available to us.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: March 17, 2020 at 4:30 at Lake Miona Rec Center

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:55

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Gauthier, Secretary