

# THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

## BOARD MEETING

March 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 1:00PM at the home of Bob Matthews, President of the Board

NOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Matthews, Sally Gauthier, Rick Gauthier, Charlie Showalter, Harry Freedman, Nancy Brickley, Nancy Jaffe, Gordon Pfeiffer, Nancy Turner, Paul Matheson, Mike Lotti. Alex Boone joined us via Facetime.

APOLOGIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES: Dave Hudson

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mike pointed out that he was not at the previous meeting and therefore did not make comments there. He said the previous minutes should be amended to reflect this.

TREASURER REPORT: He had sent his financial report prior to the meeting which showed a balance of \$42,784 compared to \$40,994 at the beginning of the year. Since all duplicate bridge games are now shut down because of the coronavirus, we have a lot of financial decisions to make. Without having games, our expenses are cut way down. There are no card preparation fees, ACBL fees, director fees or education costs. We do, however, pay \$2000 per month in stipends which are paid in arrears. The following people have agreed not to be paid their stipends as long as there are no games:

Rick Gauthier-Head Director

Mike Lotti-Treasurer

Alex Boone-Club Manager

Russ Pearly-Club Recorder

Jon Williams-Director of Rules and Regulations

Janet Matthews will continue to be paid her \$150 monthly as she is actually working hard right now to set up the BBO games as an online alternative for our members during the time we cannot hold games face to face. She is very involved with the running of the actual games. We will revisit the BBO games and Janet's

involvement at next month's meeting. Tom Bush will continue to be paid since he will still have responsibilities during our shutdown.

Mike Lotti pointed out that BBO is a for-profit enterprise and that we may need to get a legal opinion if our relationship with them continues since we are non-profit. We must be able to show that we control our own games.

HEAD DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Rick Gauthier requested that he be given a week to get directors lined up and everything in order before we resume games after the coronavirus shutdown. Rick also wants to add to our "Time Allotted Per Round at Each Game" policy that "Players are not to begin a new board after the 4 minute warning without the permission of the director". Rick questioned if the new procedure is in place for getting name tags. Alex Boone said that he has not yet prepared the new form but will do so now. The Board will get it printed. Cell phones are not permitted to be used inside the game room even during the break (as decided in the 10/15/19 Board meeting and this policy should be on the web site and in the Policy Handbook). Jim Dick and Bill Titley are new people interested in becoming directors.

DISCUSSION AND FOLLOW UP OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Bob said he was very disappointed in the turnout. Paul Matheson thinks that Sunday morning at 11 am is not such a good time to get people. Gordon says that happy people in general don't come. Charlie is looking at the wording of policies regarding the change of partner in the reservation system. A discussion ensued regarding whether there is a need for a club Archivist as an established role. Bob will check with Tom as to how far back he keeps minutes and policies. The Conflict of Interest policy needs rewording because of the reference to Executive Committee.

RECONSIDERATION OF CANCELLATION POLICY: Not applicable since we have already cancelled all of our games until the end of the coronavirus threat.

CORONAVIRUS ISSUES: Our equipment is not available to others with the exception of small education groups run by Paul Matheson and Janet Matthews if so allowed by The Villages.

OCTOBER WEEKEND PLANNING: We now have been approved for use of the room on Thursday afternoon. Dave Hudson is working on this but is not available today.

CHARITIES APPLICATIONS: We have two new charities applying and two thank you notes. Since many of the charities we have already given to are still up for consideration, it was suggested that we maintain a list of charities which are available to give to. We decided to table this issue for now due to the uncertainty caused by the Coronavirus.

REPORT ON UNIT/DISTRICT MEETING AND SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

Alex has sent our 2021 tournament dates to District. There is going to be one less regional in our district this coming year. Paul said that we should have one point person to deal with the ACBL for all communications. It was decided that Paul Matheson should be that person. Alex Boone and Bob Matthews were fine to leave that task to Paul.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Villages has informed us that we can no longer change venues if one of our venues is closed. The ACBL has suggested that all games remain cancelled until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2020

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Gauthier

Secretary