

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2020

Members Present: Bob Matthews, Sally Gauthier, Nancy Jaffe, Nancy Turner, Charlie Showalter, Dave Hudson, Gordon Pfeiffer, Harry Freedman. Absent member Nancy Brickley

Guests Present: Russ Pearly, Paul Matheson, Mike Lotti, Alex Boone

Call to Order: 4:00 via Video Conferencing

Minutes of the last Meeting: Accepted with no discussion

Bob Matthews reported that there have been no complaints about extending the no in-person bridge play and, in fact, he has received supportive feedback by the members. The decision to continue suspension indefinitely was officially accepted.

Treasurers Report: Mike Lotti has given notice that he intends to retire from his position as Treasurer effective 12//31/20. Susan Frasier has been training as his backup and, as per her conversation with Bob, is willing to take over from Mike. We will then need to find a replacement for her as back-up Treasurer. She may have an idea of who she would like to work with. The Board has the power to appoint someone and we will advertise in next weeks e-blast. Mike does not mind that we make public his retirement. Bob will talk to Susan to see if she has any preference on how to proceed with this. We do have a few CPAs in the membership including Dave Stentz and Murray Tanzman. Mike inquired as to whether we could pay for an audit or do an internal audit and it could be for a limited time period. Nancy Brickley volunteered to be the head of the audit committee.

For the month Of 09/20, our revenue was \$17024 with a checking balance of \$65908 which is very solvent. The bank showed \$3000 more in the account because of outstanding checks. The House of Hope has never cashed its check and Alex said he would contact them about it now.

The IRS has informed Mike that they have not processed a tax return for us, but he said that is only because they are so behind with much unopened and unprocessed mail. Mike said we should not worry about this.

Election Committee: Gordon reported that we have 3 candidates for the 3 open slots. We have had very few responses from the letters we have sent out. We have excluded snowbirds from the process and this issue should probably be addressed next year.

The possibility of paying the fee for mentors in games has been brought up. Although it can be difficult to recruit mentors, this motion was not passed since there has not been a precedent to do so.

The bond premium which was addressed at the last meeting will not be renewed since we have no employees. Alex will look into cancelling this now for a possible prorated refund.

Paul said that our sectionals for next year are June 11-13 and November 19-21. We do have verified venues for both of these sectionals.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 17.

Meeting adjourned at 4:51.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Gauthier, Secretary