

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MARCH 16, 2021

Members present on Zoom: Bob Matthews, Paul Matheson, Charlie Showalter, Dave Hudson, Nancy Jaffe, Carol Ketterer, Diane Ruggiero, Nancy Turner, Nancy Brickley. Club Manager Alex Booke was also in attendance. Along with Janet Matthews as BBO Director, Rich Seidman as IT Director and Susan Fraser as Treasurer.

Absent was Head Director Rick Gauthier with Jim Dick filling in for that position.

It was agreed to table all items from the February 2/17 meeting's "Tabled List" (Dave Stentz Suggestions and Charity Donations) in order to spend more time on the By Law review

Treasurer Report: Susan Fraser- The check received from the ACBL for the February games was \$17 more than anticipated. This will be recorded in the February activity. No further changes to preliminary statements were required. The tax forms have been completed. Mike has completed the transfer of prior year treasurer information. The tax paperwork asked if we have a record retention policy. Susan suggested we add this policy in into the bylaws. The usual time to retain records is 7 years. Going forward, all financial records will be retained by the treasurer.

Bylaw Reviews – Nancy Brickley and Diane Ruggiero-

Article 3- Membership- There continues to be a lot of discussion over who is a member for purposes of voting. Different requirements were discussed but no consensus was reached at this time. This was returned to the committee with suggestions on wording.

Section 5- Board of Directors- There was discussion regarding who can run for the board- did they all need to be "full time" residents, what constitutes a "part time" resident? It was determined that we could have board members who were not full-time residents, but that there should not be less than 6 full time residents at any given time. This discussion is on going.

The remainder of the Bylaws were returned to the committee for further discussion.

The opening of Face-to-face games. Rich- IT Director stated that all the card rooms currently have tables emptied into the storage areas and reaching our equipment would be difficult. Additionally, Rich would need to bring all tech equipment in each facility up to working standards. This would include computers, bridge mates and battery replacement as needed. He stated the last Windows 8 computer at Laurel Manor should be replaced. Rich suggests it would take a week for each center to be set up and recommends a rolling re-start.

Janet- feels that the directors would need a re-education on the computers and platform for the games. She remembers that we talked about a survey for members to determine wants and needs and believes a similar survey would work for the directors. Maybe not everyone would be interested in directing or even playing in a face-to-face game when The Villages determine the rooms can reopen to bridge. Possibly we could start with centrally located centers on days that have always been the best attended.

Paul, Bob and Alex will make an appointment to talk with Pam Henry about locations and if we can set our own standards for play (masks required, etc.).

We will send out to current directors an on-line a survey to see what it will take to have them return to the centers once they are open to bridge.

Carol and Janet will review the member survey to make sure it still gets us the information we need.

Bob feels that face-to-face reopening will not happen until at least August at a minimum.

Next meeting scheduled for April 20, 2021

Submitted to all members by Nancy Jaffe