

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUGUST 31, 2021

Members present: Bob Matthews, Paul Matheson, Nancy Jaffe, Diane Ruggiero, Alex Booke, Dave Hudson, Nancy Brickley, Charlie Showalter, Carol Ketterer, Nancy Turner, Tom Tessier. Apologies were sent by Rick Gauthier and Janet Matthews.

Also in attendance: Jon Williams and Russ Pearly

Minutes from the last meeting are approved.

Review of items resolved in email by member votes since last meeting:

All F2F games were cancelled until the Covid situation improves and it is safe to play

It was agreed to pay Janet Matthews for card prep for those games that were cancelled.

It was approved to pay Janet Matthews for the purchase of Bridge Composer.

Agreed to cancel the ACBL November Sectional in the Villages and not approved to change to a NLM tournament.

For upcoming Friday evening games where there is no available director, therefore Bob Matthews will direct as continued training for his becoming a director.

All the above items were approved.

Financial report presented by Tom. Discussed decrease in number of games being played on BBO in the "Villages" games. 137 hosted games were played in July- 75% on BBO and 25% F2F. This total is down 11% from July 2020. The club has lost \$4000 in June and \$6000 in July. It is estimated that there will be additional losses to come, as much as \$5000/month as players continue to play in non-Villages games on line. Tom is writing a financial Policy and Procedure document to be used by any treasurer in the future. Tom will need Office supplies (paper, ink, etc.) and estimates probably less than \$100. Approved

Bob Matthews relayed a message from Rick Gauthier to stop payments to him due to games returning to BBO.

November Tournament: It has been suggested that the tournament be played as Special Games. That would give upgraded points to the members when they play well. It would be Saturday and Sunday, two games each day with possibly 28-29 tables each session. Monday will be a Swiss Team Event. There was a discussion of whether we are trying to raise money for the club, remain revenue neutral, as subsidize the tournament as a "give back" to the members.

Paul, Carol and Tom will meet to discuss options and report back at the September board meeting.

There was a discussion of the "Green Club" bidding system and others that allow players to open very light. This is in very limited usage in TV currently. Jon Williams briefly explained the convention where players can open with 8 HCPs or the rule of 17. Possibly there should be a ban on this system in the limited games, but we need to educate the club members on this bidding. It is suggested that anyone playing this system should pre-alert upon arrival at the table. Paul and Jon will continue to work on this, along with what constitutes an illegal bid according to ACBL. This discussion continues by email among the BOD members and results will be presented either in the BLAST or the minutes from the September meeting

The Annual VDBC Meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at Seabreeze. The updated and revised By-Laws are being posted to the website this week. At the meeting there will be discussion if needed and a request for an approval vote.

There was a request by a member that the names of those placed on suspension by the board, be published. After discussion, it was again decided that the Board will not release the names.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2021.

Submitted by Nancy Jaffe