

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JULY 20, 2021

Members present: Bob Matthews, Paul Matheson, Charlie Showalter, Dave Hudson, Carol Ketterer, Nancy Brickley, Nancy Turner, Nancy Jaffe, Diane Ruggiero.

Also present are; Alex Boone (Club Manager), Janet Matthews (BBO Director), Rick Gauthier (Head Director) and Tom Tessier (Club Treasurer).

Minutes from the June meeting were approved as written

Paul submitted a list of all items decided on by the BOD via email discussion in the past month. These are as follows:

Susan Frasier submitted her resignation as Club Treasurer and that resignation was accepted by the Board. Approved unanimously.

Applications were solicited from the general membership to fill the Club Treasurer position. A committee was formed including Bob Matthews, Carol Ketterer, Nancy Brickley, Diane Ruggiero and Paul Matheson. Diane Ruggiero attended by zoom. They met on July 1, 2021, and interviewed 4 qualified applicants. Susan Frasier also attended to provide technical assistance. The committee voted to offer the position to Tom Tessier, and he accepted. The full Board was then contacted via email and agreed to appoint Tom to the position. Approved Unanimously

With the start up of face-to-face games the Head Director (Rick Gauthier) will be paid \$400 per month. Approved unanimously

With the ongoing problems with the existing storage unit on Route 441, it was decided to rent a 10x10' unit on 466A. All tables and additional possessions were relocated to the Colony Storage. Currently Carol, Paul and Bob have access to the unit, but it was discussed changing the key lock to a coded lock for easy access by more members if needed. The lock would be \$27.00. Approved Unanimously. Carol questioned if there is insurance on the unit and contents. Alex will check.

It was unanimously agreed to accept the donation from an anonymous source of \$20,000 to be used for education and ongoing programs.

Rick Gauthier agreed to continue as Head Director through 2021

It was agreed that Paul can offer 3 free classes to those students he was teaching when the educational program was shut down due to Covid. In Mid-September there will be new beginner classes started.

As part of set up for re-opening bridge in The Villages, Rick Seidman and Julio spent a large amount of time reprogramming computers and attending the first session for each computer. Additionally, Julio developed a new program for the Directors. It was decided to reimburse both men \$400.00. Tom will issue a check. Paul and Gail also spent a lot of time on Battery management. They have declined reimbursement, but the Board offers sincere thanks for all their work.

Bylaw Review- Diane spoke with Joe Bosch regarding his suggestions. It was agreed to make the changes in #1 and #2. There was a lot of discussion about Article V: Section E, "Compensation". It was finally agreed that this section will be worded in a more positive tone: The members of the Board shall receive no compensation as a Board member, however, Board members may serve in another compensated position provided they have disclosed that compensated position to the Board and the Board had determined there is no conflict of interest.

Club members serving in compensated positions may run for election to the Board provided they disclose that compensated position in their election/nomination materials and communications and indicate they have no conflict of interest.

The Draft Bylaws will be posted to the website prior to the Annual meeting so everyone can review them.

It was voted on and agreed that the club will continue with a Zoom account due to the continued uncertainty with the pandemic.

Treasurer's Report- The club is running at a loss June, July and anticipated through September. There is enough money in the treasury to cover the losses. The club always loses in the summer, plus there was no June Tournament this year.

Rick Gauthier- There have been 3 weeks of face-to-face play so far. The ACBL has a new system for uploading game results and there have been multiple glitches in the process. Rick also voiced concerns about the Wednesday morning 0-20/50 game that often only has 6 players. It was suggested that a change from morning to afternoon may result in better attendance. Rick, Paul and Janet will discuss possibilities. Rick is also willing to direct when needed.

The job description for the Head Director position was discussed. There are several parts of the job that should belong to other people, so the position is not so overwhelming. This Job Description is to be reviewed.

Paul stated that the Villages November Sectional probably will not happen. We cannot have the tournament given the current requirements of ACBL and the Villages. There is an ACBL meeting this Saturday morning and Paul will report back on any changes presented at that time.

In August there will be several Charity Games- some for ACBL charities and one for a local charity. From previously received requests for funds, it was decided to grant any Charity dollars to The Out of The Box Animal Rescue.

Questions were raised about free play reimbursement. A committee was formed to review entire compensation package. The members include Tom, Carol and Paul.

Meeting was adjourned and next scheduled meeting will be August 24, 2021. The third Tuesday was not acceptable to many members.

Submitted by Nancy Jaffe