

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JULY 19, 2022

Members present: Paul Matheson (President), Carol Ketterer (Vice President), Nancy Jaffe (Secretary), Charlie Showalter, Jon Williams, Nancy Turner, Nancy Brickley, and Russ Pearly (Recorder) on speaker phone. Margaret Sarno is excused from the meeting as she is out of town.

Bob Matthews (Head Director) is present. Janet Matthews (BBO Director) and Tom Tessier (Treasurer) are not present.

The minutes from the June meeting were accepted.

Ratifications since last meeting include the resignation of BOD member Diane Ruggiero and the selection of Charlie Showalter to cover Diane's position until the next elections. Both were approved and accepted.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Paul Matheson since Tom is out of town. There was a \$1273 loss for the month of June. Most of this loss is due to costs of special games that are not passed on to the members. Even with the losses, the treasury has a current balance of \$83,000.

Bob Matthews reported that we have 9 active directors, and all the needs are being met at this time. If the game count should increase, we will still have enough directors. Bob was asked to please remind the directors to emphasize the educational classes being offered.

Bob asked on behalf of Janet that once the current Tuesday morning class, taught for beginners, is completed those students be offered one free play in the Wednesday morning game that follows the end of the class. There was discussion about maybe making the one class free to all to encourage participation. A decision will be finalized at the next board meeting.

Game schedule report was given by Paul. He and Carol met with the head of operations at Sea Breeze. She was questioning whether the VDBC was planning to use all permitted space and times. All times are expected to be used once our member numbers increase in f2f games. It was suggested that the VDBC web site be included in the information given out to callers with questions. This will eliminate some of the phone calls that have been directed to the permit holder for each facility. This has been done.

The July and August game schedules will remain unchanged. At the next meeting the Fall schedule will be discussed.

Carol Ketterer announced there will be no August Mentor games.

Jon Williams suggested adding team games. This would include both Swiss and 8 is Enough. We will need to find a location and educational classes will be offered to those limited players who are interested. A scheduling committee will be set up including Jon, Nancy Turner, Nancy J and Paul.

Paul received a letter from Sharon Cappelletti regarding scheduling for regional tournaments in District 9. Several ideas were discussed about how to have one here in The Villages with nothing finalized. Everyone is interested but many details still to be discussed.

Jon has been looking into setting up another Sectional at Sea that could be sponsored by The Villages. There is a December 2023 cruise on Celebrity Constellation that might work.

Additional information to follow

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2022, at 4:30 at Lake Miona.

Submitted by Nancy Jaffe (secretary)