

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 19, 2021 – 4:30 PM, LAKE MIONA REC CENTER

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

Present; non-voting; Tom Tessier, Club Treasurer and Janet Matthews, BBO Manager

Present via Zoom and non-voting: Alex Booke, Club Manager; Russ Pearly, Club Recorder

Absent/Excused: Nancy Jaffe

Minutes from the September meeting were approved as written.

There were no decisions/actions taken by the BOD via email discussion in the past month.

Treasurer's Report- Tom had previously emailed the September Dashboard, Statement of Activity and Statement of Financial Position. He noted that the Club had a break-even month due to reduced expenses, which is a welcome change from the summer months.

- a) There were questions asked regarding the July 'restatement' of activity, and questions regarding the P&L, specifically with the liability for free play vouchers. Tom indicated he would further investigate and report back.
- b) Discussion regarding pre-paying for future F2F games (vouchers). it was agreed that at this time the Club is not prepared to accommodate a 'cashless' system; however, it will be looked at as a possibility for the future.
- c) Request to pay Game Directors earlier in the month; Tom agreed to do so.
- d) Finally, Russ informed the Board that his work as Club Recorder has significantly decreased over the past few months and requested that his pay be reduced back to \$100 from \$200/mo.

Motion made, seconded and approved to reduce Recorder compensation from \$200/mo to \$100/mo effective November 1, 2021.

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept Treasurers September Financial Report.

Future Face to Face (F2F Games: BOD discussed whether to continue with F2F games in light of the COVID incident at a VDBC game that was reported this past week. Board members expressed their options (pro & con), and two Club member guests also contributed their thoughts. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to continue offering F2F games for those members who wish to participate.

- a) Future Game Schedule: Paul reported. There was discussion regarding adding more F2F games, and the future schedule for F2F games. Motion made, seconded and carried that new F2F games would include: Monday 4:30 for <100, Wednesday afternoon <1500 and Thursday 4:30 <500.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the following F2F schedule be in effect through year end:

- Monday afternoon at Sea Breeze: Open/<750 MP
 - Monday 4:30 at Sea Breeze: <100
 - Wednesday afternoon at Lake Miona: <1500
 - Thursday 4:30 at Rohan <500
 - Friday afternoon at Eisenhower: Open/<500
- b) COVID Avoidance Requirements: Bob Matthews reported that he spoke with Pam Henry and John Rohan from the Villages Rec Dept regarding what requirements/restrictions the Club could put in place for F2F games. While the Club may require masks, they may not inquire as to vaccination status, may not require that everyone be vaccinated to play in F2F games, and may not require proof of vaccination.
- c) Notification Process in the event of future COVID incidents at F2F games: Diane reported that she had spoken with a rep from the FL Dept of Health/Sumter Cnty regarding what steps the Club should take if/when someone reports testing positive after playing in a F2F game. A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the following notification procedure:
- An 'advisory' email blast will be sent to all Club members noting the date, time and place of the game at which the incident occurred.
 - Members would be advised to follow the recommended action:
 - Regardless of vaccination status, if symptoms are present, they are advised to get tested and quarantine until test results come back
 - If vaccinated, no symptoms, wait 3-4 days wearing a mask indoors and then get tested
 - If unvaccinated, no symptoms, quarantine for 10 days and then get tested
 - Further advise members of the following testing information:
 - Per the FL Dept of Health, PCR testing is recommended over antigen testing
 - Per the FL Dept of Health, at home tests are not recommended for asymptomatic cases, except for the Ellume test
 - The Rec Center where the incident should also be informed of date & time of occurrence.
 - The Dept of Health further recommended that the individuals name should not be disclosed by the Club.
- d) Further action by Club: A motion was made, seconded and carried that if/when a member tests positive after playing in a F2F game, they & those in their household may be required to show proof of a negative test in order to play in future F2F games. Any member who knowingly plays in a F2F game after testing positive for COVID will be expelled from the Club.

November Fall Festival Updates: Due to lack of available staffing for the November event, it was agreed that it would need to be cancelled.

Nominating Committee: Paul reported on the meetings of the task force. Terms of Dave Hudson, Bob Matthews and Charlie Showalter are expiring on 12/31/21; all have indicated that they are not running for re-election, leaving 3 opens slots for 3 year terms. The task force reported that they looked at many possible candidates to approach, looking for a diversity of levels/experience, interest in serving,

commitment to VDBC. The following members have been nominated and have agreed to run for the Board:

- Barry Erlich, Rocky Gilbert, Priscilla Harris, Russ Pearly, Margaret Sarno, Jon Williams

Open Head Director Position: Rick Gauthier has indicated that he is resigning as head director after many years in that position. A task force will be appointed to update the job description, and post it to the members. Paul agreed to chair this task force and Carol will participate on the task force.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM. **The next meeting of the VDBC Board will be November 16, 4:30 PM at Lake Miona Rec Center. In Bob's absence, Paul will chair the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted:

Diane Ruggiero