

Board of Directors Meeting

September 21, 2021

The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club

Members Present: Bob Matthews, Paul Matheson, Charlie Showalter, Dave Hudson, Nancy Brickley, Nancy Turner, Diane Riggerio, Carol Ketterer. Additional attendees via Zoom are Nancy Jaffe, Russ Pearly (Club Recorder), Rick Gauthier (Head Director), Alex Booke (Club Manger). Janet Matthews (BBO Director) is present, and Tom Tessier (Treasurer) sends his regrets.

Minutes from the meeting August 31, 2021, were accepted.

Matters arising from the last meeting include a discussion on the ACBL Open Convention Chart and whether to use it in the Villages games. It was agreed that we would adopt the rules of the ACBL's Open Convention Chart at our games. For F-2-F games the following caveats apply:

1. The pair who makes an illegal bid will be penalized 1/4 board and the player who made the illegal bid will be reported to the Recorder. If the player makes a subsequent illegal bid the pair will be penalized a 1/4 board and the offender's name will again be reported to the Recorder. Upon receipt of a second violation the Recorder will refer the incidents to the Board for further disciplinary actions.
2. Any pair playing a system which permits making a 1 level opening bid with as few as 8 hcp or which uses the Rule of 17 (The hand that contains at least 8 HCPS, and the number of cards in 2 longest suits equals 17) as the basis for opening must pre-alert this fact when arriving at each table. This is defined as a near average hand in the ACBL Convention Charts.
3. The game directors will review the results of the hand where an illegal bid was made to determine if the opposing side was disadvantaged as a result of the illegal bid. If it appears that they were harmed the Director will make an adjusted score as needed to restore equity.

For BBO games there is still the pre-alert requirement. However, if the offending side gains an advantage from the use of the illegal bid the director will award the non-offending side an average+ result and the offending side an average -. The result will stand if the non-offending side was not harmed.

It was proposed and a vote taken that the names of members found using unauthorized information while playing the game will not be released. The vote passed.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting were reviewed. There was concern voiced regarding the discussion during the meeting of who exactly was considered a "voting member". Per the new by-laws, a voting member is anyone who played at least 20 games from November 1st through

October 31st of the previous year. Due to the unusual circumstances of 2020, it was decided to grandfather in all names used in the vote from 2020 regardless of if they played the 20 games.

Treasurer's Report: Tom is not present at the meeting and any questions or concerns from his report will be waived until the October meeting.

November Tournament: Paul explained the progress of the planning committee. The venue, the Savannah Center, was confirmed. Carol Ketterer has again agreed to head the food committee. The discussion so far is to have an under 500 section and an open section. Additional details to follow.

We also voted to resume face to face games starting on Monday October 4. There will be combined open/299er games on Mondays at Sea Breeze; Wednesdays at Lake Miona and on Fridays at Eisenhower. All F-2-F games will start at 1:00. Obviously, this schedule will be subject to change based on attendance and other factors. BBO morning and evening games will continue as scheduled.

The slate of candidates for election will be established by a committee of Diane, Carol and Paul. Janet will assist in an advisory position. There are currently 3 positions available. According to the new by-laws, as many as 3 seasonal residents can be elected to the Board of Directors. The election again this year will be electronic.

Under "Other Business" Carol suggested the Blast notes be added to the web page weekly and then replaced the following week. That way it will be easier for members to find the information. She also asked Russ to please put together a short explanation on what matters need to be reported to the Recorder. Many of the newer members do not have a clear understanding.

We discussed the concern that arose recently on a player leaving the game early (other than for extreme ill health). The penalty for this is a 30-day suspension whether on BBO or F-2-F. The Club Recorder will be contacted, and he will notify the Board and ACBL.

It was voted to begin paying Tom, as the new treasurer, the \$400.00 rate as approved in the past.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2021.

This meeting is adjourned

Submitted by Nancy Jaffe