

**THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Lake Miona Rec Center**  
**November 18, 2025**

President, Jon Williams called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

**Attendance:** Board Members: Jon Williams, President; Nancy Turner, Vice-President; Merle Erlich, Secretary; Vicki Collins, Dutch Dresser, Jim O'Brien, Russ Pearly, Judy Smith, and Bruce Thiher. Treasurer, Tom Tessier; Club Manager, Donna Brown; Head Directors, Pat Holmes and John Quinn were also present.

A motion to approve The October, 2025 Minutes, previously distributed to the Board and posted on the website, carried.

**Club Manager's Report:** Donna Brown [manager@vdbc.us](mailto:manager@vdbc.us).

- Fees for January, 2026 Silver Sectional at La Hacienda Recreation Center will be \$15/person. Swiss Team fees will be \$160 and will include lunch.
- December Schedule:  
Sea Breeze will be closed Friday, December 12. Pat Holmes and Jim O'Brien will check for availability for morning game at either Laurel Manor or Lake Miona
- General liability insurance. A quote was received for \$711/year. A motion to purchase this policy carried.
- Goldie Nabatoff has resigned as Swiss Team Partnership chair. Jan Masterson has agreed to add this to her Partnership Chair responsibilities.

A short discussion ensued as to how to find/attract our newest bridge playing residents.

- Several Board members and directors have reported incidents of new residents showing up at games looking for partners.
- Judy Smith will contact Jan Masterson and share the discussion with her as well as Colleen Treanor's offer to help
- Jim O'Brien has submitted a variance request to The Villages re their new 2026 rental fee assessment for use of Savannah & La Hacienda Recreation Centers for tournaments

**Treasurer's Report:**

Tom Tessier provided October, 2025 Reports which he previously emailed to Board members:

- October 2025 Operating Statement
- October 2025 PL Comparison Jan-Oct 2025 vs 2024
- PL comparison Oct 2025 vs Oct 2024

- PL Comparison 10 months 2025
- Balance Sheet comparison 10/31/2025 vs 10/31/2024

Recap and highlights for September 2025:

- We hosted 99 games with 1,036 tables. There were 53 free plays and 11 guests.
- Our income was \$16,729.87
- Expenses were \$15,328.56
- Resulting in a gain of \$1,401.31
- Year to date loss is \$6,893.11
- We issued 19 checks totaling \$15,219 to our directors and contractors.

At month-end, we had the following balances:

- Checking account: \$10,861.78
- CDs: \$60,000.00
- Equity: \$59,702.57

Because of the increased table volume in October, there was no need to withdraw any funds from our CDs.

Citizens First bank checking balance as of Nov 17 was \$19,763.65.

The motion to approve the October, 2025 Treasurer's Report carried with thanks from the Board.

### **2024 Tax Return**

Jim O'Brien provided each Board member with a copy of the VDBC 2024 tax return. A motion to approve the return with

- changes to the wording of our Mission Statement as/our By Laws and
- the addition of charity /events to Line 4A carried with thanks from the Board.

### **Nominating Committee report**

- There are 10 candidates running. When the last Bio is received Gordon Pfeiffer will post them on the website
- Online voting will take place from December 1 to 15
- Results will be announced at the December 16, 2025 Board Meeting. (Gordon Pfeiffer will provide Nancy Turner with the results before the meeting)

### **Scheduling:**

- Concern over viability of 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning Under 750 Swiss. Need at least 6 teams.
- Proposal to be made to Olympia Regional Rec Center in Eastport as to what is needed, equipment and space wise to establish a game and/or classes there

## **By Laws Clarification:**

Judy Smith reported that our By Laws state:

- “The seat of a member who misses two (2) Board Meetings during a calendar year shall be vacated unless such absence is due to injury, illness, or excused by a majority vote of the Board.”
- Going forward, it is necessary to vote on whether or not to accept an absence as excused at each meeting
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## **NLM Gold Regional & Open Silver Sectional**

- Kitchen Set Up at 3 pm, Thursday, 11/20 (Nancy, Donna, Wanda, & Merle)
- Bill & Jenny Cleary will arrive at 4 to determine table placement
- Deb Brunoehler will meet movers at Storage Unit at 4:45. Movers will deliver tables and supplies at approximately 5:15 to Savannah and begin table set up
- Volunteers to arrive at 6:30 to prepare tables for play
- Bridgemates should arrive from Ezell, Laurel Manor, & Sea Breeze by 6:30
- Swiss Team Set Up after Sunday sessions
- Caterer bringing box lunches at 11 AM on Monday
- Movers arrive at 6pm Monday 11/24
- Volunteers still needed for Take Down on Monday, 11/24 and during some sessions during play

## **New Business**

- Jim O’Brien will attempt to locate a “disinterested party” to perform an audit of our books

- Recurring question regarding whether a Game Director can replace a player who must leave to deal with an emergency.

Our Policy & Procedures states that No Plays have to be assessed in this situation and that a Game Director cannot play.

The Board consensus was to abide by our Policy & Procedures without exception

- Wildwood Food Kitchen Holiday Charity Game

- A motion was made and carried to hold a Special Holiday Charity Game on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> to benefit The Wildwood Food Pantry
- A motion was made and carried to donate the \$5 entry fee to the Wildwood Food Kitchen.

The First Executive Board Meeting of 2026 will be held on Tuesday, January 6. The regular January meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be December 16, 2025, at 4:30 pm at the Lake Miona Recreation Center. It was noted that Jon Williams and Bruce Thiher will not attend.

The November, 2025 Board meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Erlich, Secretary.