

President Jim O’Brien called the meeting to order at 1:30PM .

**Attendance:** Board Members: Vice President, Nancy Turner; Secretary, Merle Erlich, Dutch Dresser, Margaret Sarno, Vern Sikora, Judy Smith, and Jon Williams. Also present were Treasurer, Tom Tessier ; Club Manager, Donna Brown, & Paul Matheson. Russ Pearly was excused in person but attended by phone.

The previously distributed July Minutes were approved and posted on the website.

**Overview of Tom Tessier’s July Treasurer’s Report:**

Tom reported that 93 games were held with 793 tables in July . This is an increase over July 2023’s 691 tables.

Tom went on to note that for the 7 months of 2024 we are running 14% ahead of 2023 in table volume.

Account balances as of 7/31/2024:

- o checking account balance: \$19,384
- o CD – 6 months is \$20,000
- o CD -12 months is \$40,000
- o Equity is \$72,641

	REVENUE *	EXPENSE*
<b>GAMES</b>	\$ 11,708	\$
<b>ACBL SANCTION FEE</b>		\$430.
<b>ACBL SPECIAL GAME FEE</b>		\$1,679
<b>STAC DIST 9 FEE</b>		\$664
<b>BRIDGE GAME SUPPLIES</b>		\$392
<b>DIRECTORS</b>		\$7,183
<b>CARD PREP</b>		\$1,000
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>		\$1,600
<b>CHARITY</b>		\$1,636
<b>SE CAROLINA ENTRY FEE</b>	\$302.	
<b>SE CAROLINA F2F TABLE</b>	\$396	
<b>OTHER: SALES</b>	\$ 28.	
<b>COMPUTER SUPPLIES</b>		\$200
<b>OFFICE SUPPLIES &amp;SOFTWARE</b>		\$343
<b>SUPPLIES</b>		\$68
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>		\$62.
<b>STORAGE</b>		\$122.
<b>1TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,435</b>	<b>\$15,378</b>
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The Treasurer’s Report was accepted with thanks from the Board.

**Creation of Domain to be set up for Board Business and Communication**

Dutch Dresser will set up a domain and present details at September meeting.

**Continuation of Discussion on leaving Unit 128 and affiliating with Unit 240:**

Paul Matheson, our representative to the Unit 128 and District 9 board, continued the ongoing discussion. He will be addressing our questions and concerns in a conference call with Unit 240 members on Wednesday, August 21 and will be reporting back to the Board.

**Member News:** Under the auspices of Buck Buchanan and Jennie Cleary , this feature will be presented at least once a month and will be archived on our website.

**November 23, 24, and -25, 2024 Non-Life Master Gold Regional/ Life Master Silver Sectional:**

Donna Brown shared plans for transporting supplies from Rec Centers to Savannah with newly purchased carts and storage bins. Merle Erlich plans to present contracts for Movers and Swiss Team Lunch caterers as well as samples of 'favors' to be used for our 2024-25 tournaments at the September board meeting.

**September, 2024 Game Schedule:**

Sea Breeze will be closed on Monday, September 23. The under 150 will move to Laurel Manor in the evening. The Open Game will share Laurel Manor space at 1pm with 1500 game

**ACBL Club House :** Donna Brown brought the Board's attention to the existence of this feature on BBO online. Various levels of under 500 game options are provided at various times daily. It was determined that Educators and game directors for this strata of players be asked to announce this to their players as a way to give them even more access to duplicate game play.

**Discussion Regarding Playing Directors:** The consensus of the Board was to continue with the current policy of not allowing Game Directors to play during their own game if there are at least 12 tables.

**Player Seeding/Seating Issues:** Jon Williams reported that he held a training session for Game Directors on how to use our software to seed players at a given game. About two-thirds of our game directors took the training and have begun to implement it. During the discussion it was suggested that our current 'mobility' list be updated. John Quinn will be asked to weigh in on the issue of impairment vs. preference for NS seating.

The question of how many boards should be played per/game was noted. According to the ACBL:

- Open Games: 24-28 boards                      Limited Games: 22-24 boards                      Newcomers: 18-22

Jon Williams provided game directors for movement suggestions when half tables occur.

**Ongoing revision and clarification of VDBC Player Rules & Game Management Policies and Procedures:**

At our July Board Meeting Judy Smith asked the Board to review the Player Rules & Game Management draft via email. Clarifying questions were resolved and Judy will put final touches on the document.

**New Business:**

- Donna Brown presented the three requests she received for Charity contributions. The Forward Paths which aids young adults transitioning from foster care and the Wildcat Boosters Club were approved. The third request had to be denied because they do not have an active 501.C3 status. We will continue to support the Wildwood Soup Kitchen, support Alzheimer Research, (via ACBL) and entertain other requests as they come up. Donna explained how the Charity Games are structured through ACBL and will schedule them.
- Nominating Committee will be appointed in September. They will report back in October and candidates will be posted in November for December elections.
- Jon Williams shared flyer for the Villages Sectional at Sea February 9-16, 2025
- Merle Erlich initiated discussion on stipends to game Directors to provide snacks at their games. Should we decide to implement this for special occasions, reimbursement can only be made by submitting receipts.

**Board Meeting Schedule:**

The majority of the Board members voted to approve moving Board Meetings back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at Miona at 4:30. This will free up Sea Breeze for more Sunday game opportunities. The next Board Meeting will be held September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at Lake Miona Rec Center.

The August, 2024 meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm by Jim O'Brien.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merle Erlich, Secretary