

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Lake Miona Rec Center
December 17, 2024**

President Jim O’Brien called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm which followed part 1 of a 2-part Executive Session to deal with specific Zero Tolerance issues. Part 2 of this session will follow the regular meeting.

Attendance: Board Members: Vice President, Nancy Turner; Secretary, Merle Erlich, Margaret Sarno, Russ Pearly, Judy Smith, and Jon Williams. Also present were Treasurer, Tom Tessier ; Club Manager, Donna Brown, and Head Director, John Quinn. Dutch Dresser and Vern Sikora were excused.

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

Ratification of decisions taken since the November 19, 2024 Board meeting.

- Authorized up to a \$100 reimbursement to Directors for cost of one holiday party for each game
- Cancelled December 24th games: (Riverbend, Lake Miona, and Eisenhower)
- Authorized change to Policy & Procedures to allow Game Directors to play in Under 150 games provided that neither the Game Director nor partner is eligible for MP awards and only the partner plays the hands declared by their partnership.

Highlights of Tom Tessier’s Treasurer’s Report:

- We hosted 830.5 tables in November at 99 games.
- Our November income was \$37,701 and expenses were \$32,013 resulting in a positive margin of \$1,264

	INCOME *	EXPENSE*
GAMES	\$ 12,335.	
ACBL FEE		\$ 1,729.
DIRECTORS		\$ 6,617.
CARD PREP		\$ 1,160.
WILDWOOD SEEDS OF HOPE CONTRIBUTION		\$ 1,226.
CONTRACT SERVICES		\$ 1,600.
EDUCATION	\$ 525.	\$ 625.
SE CAROLINA ENTRY FEE	\$ 219.	
SE CAROLINA F2F TABLE	\$ 433.	
OTHER: SALES	\$ 14.	
NOVEMBER TOURNAMENT	\$ 19,751.	\$ 18,126.
OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$ 425.
COMPUTER		\$ 262.
BRIDGE/BADGE SUPPLIES		\$ 34.
DEPRECIATION		\$ 62.
STORAGE		\$ 122.

Tom reported that our total bank account as of November 30, 2024 contains: \$70, 410

- CD 12 months 4.5%: \$40,000
- CD 6 months 4.25%: \$20,000
- Checking: \$10,410

The Treasurers Report was accepted with thanks by the Board.

January Open Silver Sectional Tournament at La Hacienda Updates: January 14, 15, & 16, 2025

Donna Brown reported that La Hacienda will give us one room only. They claim that we can only fit 53 tables; however Jon Williams recalled that we had fit 70 tables previously. 70-80 tables will be transported.

Policies and procedures : The following updated policies which were previously presented by Judy Smith were unanimously approved by the Board with thanks to Judy Smith for her attention to detail:

- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Disciplinary Policy
- Record Retention Policy

Thursday Rohan and Ezell Games:

These games are in different time slots and cannot use the same boards.

Effective January 2, 2025, the following changes were approved:

- The 4:30pm Rohan game will use the Common Game dealt hands so that the players can receive the Common Game commentary in addition to the hand records.
- The 1:00pm Open Ezell game will use the randomly dealt hands with hand records only.

Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Guidelines: The VDBC is in compliance.

2025 Budget Discussion:

President Jim O'Brien provided a framework and rationale for our 2025 Budget and asked for and received input and discussion.

Board of Directors Election Results:

The 3 candidates with the most votes, listed alphabetically by last name, are Russ Pearly, Bruce Thiher, and Jon Williams. They will serve 3 year terms beginning January 1, 2025 Margaret Sarno was officially thanked for her years of service on the Board of Directors.

New Business:

- Donna Brown reported that Sea Breeze will be closed from January 6th to 19th and from January 23rd to 26th. She will work with Rec Centers to reschedule at other venues.
- Jon Williams noted that he is now certified as a "local sectional director" a category limited to specific small sectional tournaments. (Not the same as certified to direct sectionals.)
- Jon Williams also brought up the possibility of holding under 500 Swiss Games on available Saturdays at Miona
- Merle Erlich shared the requests she has received from various players for creating an under 2500 game as well as opportunities for more evening games especially during the winter season.

Jim O'Brien will check with Lake Miona on the availability of meeting space for a special meeting on January 7, 2025, 4:30 pm. This yearly meeting is set up to elect officers for the coming year and to hold an Executive Session.

The regular January Board of Directors' Meeting will be held January 21, 2025 at 4:30 at Lake Miona Rec Center.

The December, 2024 meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm and went into part 2 of the earlier Executive Session to deal with Zero Tolerance issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Merle Erlich, Secretary