

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Coconut Cove Recreation Center

September 17, 2024

President Jim O’Brien called the meeting to order at 4:50PM .

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

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

Overview of Tom Tessier’s August Treasurer’s Report:

Tom reported that we had another good month.

- Although we lost \$ 2,220 in August our YTD margin is \$5,011 vs. -\$427. In 2023.
- Table volume was up 23% over August , 2023. Table volume was up 9% YTD 2924 vs. 2023.
- 92 Games were held with 787 tables in play.

Account balances as of 8/31/2024:

- checking account balance: \$15,627
- CD – 6 months is \$20,000
- CD -12 months is \$40,000
- Equity is \$70,421
- Total Assets \$84,102

	REVENUE *	EXPENSE*
GAMES	\$ 11,120	\$
ACBL SANCTION FEE		\$2,543
BRIDGE GAME SUPPLIES		33
DIRECTORS		\$6,924
CARD PREP		\$ 848
CONTRACT SERVICES		\$1,600
SE CAROLINA ENTRY FEE	\$ 328.	
SE CAROLINA F2F TABLE	\$ 393	
OTHER: SALES	\$ 49	
COMPUTER SUPPLIES		\$ 1,732
BADGE SUPPLIES		\$ 33
DEPRECIATION		\$ 62.
STORAGE		\$ 122.
1TOTAL	\$ 11,891	\$13,864
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The Treasurer’s Report was accepted with thanks from the Board.

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

Paul Matheson, our representative to the Unit 128 and District 9 board, pointed out that merging with 240 would allow for more representation and participation in decisions affecting central Floridian ACBL members

The following motion was made and approved:

VDBC will continue to pursue a move from Unit 128 to Unit 240, and advance that pursuit by seeking VDBC members and neighboring clubs’ interest and support for the move through straw balloting or other appropriate means.

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

- Donna Brown displayed approved ACBL created flyers that will be posted on the national ACBL website.
- There will be 5 educational opportunities during the tournament: Tournament Etiquette (1 & 2), Inverted Minors, Jacoby 2NT, and an Intro to Swiss Teams.
- The Board approved awarding free play tickets to VDBC weekly games to our under 50 players if they play in at least one tournament under 50 session.
- A mover has been contracted to move our 100 card tables from our storage unit to Savannah on November 22 and return them on November 25th. The movers will also set up and take down the tables.
- Volunteers are being recruited to clean, set up bridge equipment and garbage bags on each table on Friday, November, 22. Savannah will advise us by late October when we can access the room.

The Patty Tucker Educational Seminar will be held on February 22 at Sea Breeze.

Reinstatement of 9AMThursday Under 1500 game at Sea Breeze:

The Scheduling Sub Committee will meet to determine the best game limits for Fall-/Winter games . Directors will be consulted for limit and schedule adjustments.

Temporary Game Changes:

- Monday, September 23: Open Game will share Laurel Manor, 1pm with Under 1500
- Monday, September 30: Laurel Manor 1pm Under 1500 moved to Ezell
- Tuesday, October 1: Eisenhower Under 750 moved to Lake Miona

Nominating Committee:

Jon Williams, Vern Sikora and Margaret Sarno have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for our upcoming December Board elections. Three Board positions need to be filled.

New Business:

- Donna Brown will look into adding a link on our website to our own and nearby tournaments.
- Nancy Turner requested and received approval for 30 free plays to be used as raffle prizes at the October 27 Alzheimer's event at Sea Breeze. She reported that we raised \$6300 last year. Denise Ward of the Central and North Florida Alzheimer Association has asked to speak at our upcoming event.

The September 17, 2024 meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm by Jim O'Brien.

Respectfully submitted,
Merle Erlich, Secretary