

Minutes of April 6, 2009 Meeting

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Members present: Tom Bush, Doug Worthington, Lynne Ziegler, Ray Harris, Pat Poitinger, Pat Ford, and Bonnie Overson.

President Poitinger called the meeting to order at 4:50pm. Ford moved and Overson seconded the approval of March 9, 2009 Minutes. They were accepted as emailed.

Old Business:

Follow-up on use of clock for Swiss events – Poitinger explained that there has been some difficulty in getting this to work properly. She will urge Deal to have the clock operational soon. The board wants the clock in use at Swiss games.

Yellow ZT Warning Card for Bidding Box or Smiley Faces – Harris will work with Schwartz on the art work. Harris has the authority to spend roughly \$105 for 500 ZT bidding cards.

Directors in Training – Poitinger announced that Jack Fisher will soon be one of our official game directors.

Comptroller Candidates— Bush presented a list of possible comptrollers. Charlie Fraime was given the nod. Worthington moved; Ziegler seconded.

Do the By-Laws need to be amended to reflect the needs for our growing Club— This business items was tabled until a later date.

Newsletter – Poitinger said she would again discuss with Neil Timm the direction in which we would like to see the newsletter go.

Adding a 299er game to open game at Mulberry on Thursday afternoon—We agreed to consult with the game directors regarding either a 299er game or a 199er game during the winter months. No further action was taken. Haskell's letter was read as part of this discussion.

Computer needs—Deal will be asked to decide exactly what our needs are. The board is ready to approve such an expenditure for a new computer. The oldest or worst shape computer will be retired for use only in emergency situations where one of the regular computers is temporarily out of commission.

New Business:

Quarterly report and quarterly meeting dates – Ford indicated that the quarterly report for the first quarter would be available at our next meeting.

Adding an open game to the Monday 299er game—This motion was tabled.

FAQ's on website – After recommendations from Poitinger and Timm, the FAQs on our website was revised. Tom placed it on the website.

Bridge Column in local Daily Sun—Doug indicated he was not prepared to discuss this now.

Interest Bearing Account for our Club's funds—This concept will be reviewed by the new comptroller and Poitinger.

David and Linda Hall's letter concerning Swiss Team games—A poll was taken at one of the Swiss games. 25 players like the 5-round events; 12, did not. The board agreed the games should continue as they are presently set up.

Director Compensation Survey—Bush presented documentation showing what most game directors are receiving in the southeast US. The compensation our directors are presently receiving is very much in line with the results of this study.

Charity Game revenue—Currently the Thursday night game is a charity game. Half the time charity funds raised are sent to the ACBL for their charity purposes. The other half the funds are donated to the local Hospice organization. The board agreed that Schwartz should take a poll of the Thursday night players and get names of other worthy organizations to present to the board. At a future meeting, the board will decide how to allocate local charity funds.

The board agreed we should meet every other month, not quarterly. (Bush moved; Overson seconded.) The next meeting is slated for June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas K. Worthington  
Secretary