

Minutes of August 10, 2009 Meeting

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

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

President Poitinger called the meeting to order at 4:45pm. The minutes of June 8, 2009 meeting were approved as emailed.

Ford presented financial documents and answered questions related to this information.

Old Business:

Newsletter

Poitinger suggested our Club propose a Newsletter Editor Policy. Worthington and Ziegler made a motion: The Editor has the right to edit articles submitted to her, but the Editor should send the edited article back to the author for approval. If an article needs to be cut significantly, the Editor should allow the author to make the cuts. Motion approved.

Worthington and Harris proposed that the editor be given free play at all duplicate games. Passed.

Board agreed that 50 double-sided, hard copies would be made of the next newsletter.

Mentoring program

Various possibilities were discussed. The motion was tabled and Harris was asked to explore options with Chuck Deal.

Conventions to be used in our Bridge Club games

The board reaffirmed continuing to follow the General Convention Chart listed on the ACBL website: <http://www.acbl.org/assets/documents/play/Convention-Chart.pdf>

New Business:

The board addressed the very real possibility that bridge players may show up in such large numbers during our next snowbird season that certain games will be over-subscribed and late arrivals will be turned away due to lack of space or tables. Since the board was most concerned about the Monday night game, Overson proposed this motion that was passed: Between October 1 and March 31, members wishing to play in the Monday night game will be asked to arrive no later than 6:10 p.m. If the tables fill up and members arrive after this cut-off time, they will be turned away. One person in a partnership may hold a place for his/her partner only under extenuating circumstance and not beyond 6:25 p.m.

Scheduling future games

The board gave the nod to Pat Ford to put on the calendar for March of 2010 having the Thursday night game at Seabreeze rather than Mulberry. Ford was also asked to put our club down for a Monday night game. This was proposed by Ziegler and seconded by Worthington.

Updating the Appeals Committee

President Poitinger noted that game directors are disqualified from serving on the Appeals Committee according to ACBL. We agreed to eliminate from the current list: Schwartz, Deal, and Vibbard. Four new members were recommended: Sandy Gephardt, Joe Sacco, Ginny Crump, and Jean Toone. Poitinger agreed to check with the current members to see if they wished to remain on the committee. She will also ask the four nominees if they wish to serve on this committee.

Thank you games

The board agreed to all games played between September 21 and 27, 2009 played with a charge of only one dollar. This is to show appreciation for the non-snowbirds who play bridge here year around. Proposed: Worthington; Seconded: Overson. Motion passed.

Ford agreed to come up with a policy statement regarding the saving of North/South seats at our bridge games.

Ziegler agreed to work with Tom Bush on planning special games, provided someone can install Excel on her commuter.

Our next board meeting will be on September 14 at 5:00 pm at Laurel Manor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas K. Worthington
Secretary