

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 2009

Tom Bush, President, called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. at the Laurel Manor Recreational Center.

**INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT BOARD MEMBER:** Tom Bush introduced the current Board Members. In attendance were: Tom Bush, Pat Ford, Bonnie Overson, Doug Worthington, Neil Timm, and Pat Poitinger. Jack Fisher was excused because of illness.

**ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Neil Timm and Jack Fisher worked on the nominating committee, submitting three names to fill two places on the Board. They are Cecilia Losiewicz, Bill Guenther, and Ray Harris. Neil introduced each candidate. Their names were placed on the easel. Tom asked for nominations from the floor. David Hudson nominated Lynne Ziegler. Pat Ford and Doug Worthington distributed numbered sheets of paper to each table to be used as ballots. Each person in attendance could vote for two people. Neil Timm and Bonnie Overson counted the votes. The two new Board members are Ray Harris and Lynne Ziegler. They will be replacing Jack Fisher and Neil Timm.

**YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT:** Tom Bush presented the 2008 financial information prepared by Jack Fisher. The financial report is available on the web site. It was a good year for the Villages Duplicate Bridge Club. The Club is growing significantly. The 2008 table count increased to 5,206 from 4,106 in 2007.

**2008 CLUB POINT LEADERS:** Tom Bush presented the Club Point Leaders. The points represent the points earned only at our Club. There are five categories:

**299er**

Chet Eicher	90.09
Henry Hood	65.93
Mary Rowe	51.13

**Life Master (300)**

Ray Harris	36.16
Robert Seidler	25.56
Ron Colbert	23.01

**Bronze Life Master (500)**

Ron Poitinger	106.09
Lynne Fisher	82.85
Pat Poitinger	81.20

**Silver Life Master (1000)**

Gladys Mikel	177.63
Jim Schaedel	143.57
Charles Showalter	133.30

**Gold Life Master (2500)**

Joe Sacco	221.46
Ginny Crump	140.43
Millie Vibbard	92.08

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Tom Bush reported on the accomplishments of the Board: Four new games were initiated:

1. David Haskell, a member of The Villages Duplicate Club, was instrumental in establishing the 299er Monday afternoon game. He canvassed non-sanctioned game members to determine interest. Thank you, David, for all that you did.
2. Another 299er game started at The Colony Cottage along with an open game on Saturday afternoons.
3. Art Schwartz was instrumental in getting more players for the Thursday evening game by initiating Charity Games whereby players receive more points.
4. The "Eight is Enough" Swiss team game, which has been enthusiastically received by the members.

Tom also commented on the following:

1. The cooperative spirit between the Directors, The Board, and the members.
2. Enhancements to the web site, which include Milestones, Board Stuff, Members' Directory, a link to the newsletters, and the Administration Support Staff.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: Joe Sacco suggested starting the Swiss games at 12:30 p.m. rather than at 1:00 p.m. Pat Ford will review the permit to find out the exact time we need to exit the room. It will be discussed at the next Board meeting. There was also discussion concerning the new approach of playing five boards and five teams. Chuck suggested that when there is an odd number of teams, it might be better to use the old method of 7 boards and four teams.

There was also a discussion concerning using the bridge clock. There is a possibility it could be used at Laurel Manor if someone learns how to use it.

Bob Ellis asked about the Dealing Machine. Tom reported that four people have been appointed to a committee to research the machine. They are Doug Worthington (chairman), Chuck Deal, Catherine Thompson, and Charlie Showalter.

Art Schwartz complimented Tom Bush for a job well done as President. The members applauded Tom.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Laurel Manor Recreational Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Poitinger, Secretary