

Minutes of June 8, 2009 Meeting

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Members present: Tom Bush, Doug Worthington, Ray Harris, Pat Poitinger, Pat Ford, and Bonnie Overson, who arrived late. Lynne Ziegler was excused. Charlie Fraime, our new comptroller, was in attendance.

President Poitinger called the meeting to order at 5:02pm. The minutes of April 6, 2009 meeting were approved as emailed.

Old Business:

Clock for Swiss Team Events: Poitinger will get a new set of instructions from website for how to use our clock.

ZT yellow warning cards: These appear to be working effectively.

Newsletter: The board re-stated its desire to have a newsletter which is 90% news and highlights and 10% conventions. Poitinger will have a new discussion with Neil Timm.

New computer: Chuck Deal bought a relatively new computer and printer from Neil Timm for \$250. We are getting a numeric key pad to work with this equipment.

Charity game: Poitinger will check with Art Schwartz regarding who will receive the funds raised at the charity game.

Pat Ford and Charlie Fraime presented the Quarterly Report for the first quarter. Fraime encouraged the board to consider how it will use any surplus money.

Seabreeze Rec Center: We will need to decide by September 09 if we want to schedule a bridge game for this new center.

New Business:

Signing checks: The board agreed that either Pat Ford or Charlie Fraime, comptroller, would have the authority to sign checks. The Board has agreed to compensate Charlie Fraime by giving him free play. This applies only to him and not to his wife, Claudette.

Poitinger noted that Jack Fisher will not be doing the Swiss Games on a regular basis.

Poitinger passed around a report showing the number of tables of bridge at various sites. Mulberry's Thursday night game and Colony's Saturday game were low in table numbers. Bush recommended that we simply subsidize these games during the summer months. We have the reserves to do this.

Harris suggested that we have a mentoring program whereby a stronger player with many master points would agree to play with a lesser player for a certain number of times. He agreed to head up the ad hoc committee to work out the details.

Eight is Enough: Chuck Deal is updating the master points for the players involved in this twice a year. We agreed to leave the structure or levels as they are currently set up.

Swiss Team movement and boards: Poitinger noted that whether we play five or seven boards will be left up to the directors.

Alert System with new and unusual conventions: As a board we agree to study the ACBL's "Mid-Chart of Conventions" between now and our August meeting. Bush's motion to have our club simply comply with all Mid-Chart Conventions was tabled until August. Board members are strongly encouraged to review the Mid-Chart Conventions on the ACBL website.

Clarification of Amenity Authority: Poitinger simply noted that this does not involve non-residents in our bridge club. Non-residents will be allowed to attend medical seminars, however.

Fall schedule of 299er games will be discussed in August.

Celebration of a member's 80th birthday: We agreed to buy a cake in that person's honor.

Christy Shaw's letter about health procedures for people who cough at the bridge table was discussed. We agreed to ask the game directors to provide more guidance and encouragement of such procedures as coughing into a sleeve rather than a hand.

Our next board meeting will be on August 10 at 5:00 pm at Laurel Manor.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas K. Worthington
Secretary