

## The Village Duplicate Bridge Club Minutes of the March 9, 2009 Meeting

Members present: Tom Bush, Doug Worthington, Lynne Ziegler, Ray Harris, Pat Poitinger, Pat Ford, and Bonnie Overson (who arrived late.)

Poitinger called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m. Minutes from Feb 9th were approved as emailed to all.

### Old Business:

1. Use of clock in Swiss games. Poitinger has talked to Deal, who discussed this with Schwartz and Vibbard. Poitinger will talk to Deal to find out when he will begin using the clock in Swiss games.
2. Worthington reported that yellow ZT bidding cards are not available from a national vender. The board encouraged him to investigating having the job done locally, if the cost were reasonable. We would need 120 cards total.
3. New nametag source. Worthington reported that four orders have been received so far. More people seem to be willing to purchase nametags when the cost is low.
4. Director in training. Poitinger reported that Jack Fisher is willing to be a director. The board voted to hire Fisher as soon as Deal feels that Fisher is ready to start directing.
5. Computer contingency fund. While the board was disposed to creating such a fund, it felt that Deal should make a request of the board for a new computer if one is needed.
6. Getting prior board approval to sell something at our games. Ford indicated her contract with The Villages prohibited such sales for personal gain.
7. Duplimate machine. After much discussion a motion was passed to table the purchase of such a machine.

### New Business:

1. Adding a name to a membership list. A man, who had never played in any of our games, wanted his name added to our membership listed. The board agreed a new player must play in one of our club's games in order to be added to the list.
2. Quitted trick rule (Law 66). Neil Timm had indicated a variation to this rule in his newsletter. Deal disagreed with Timm's article. The board agreed we play by ACBL rules with no variations. We also discussed if the 1NT point range should be announced at the table if it is 15-17. Again, ACBL rules indicated that such an announcement must be forthcoming.
3. Ford felt we should discontinue the current newsletter or downsize the newsletter dramatically to include member news, milestones, and human interest. Poitinger indicated she would talk with Timm. If nothing else we would like Timm to continue to do the milestones data collection so we can post this on the website.

4. Bush proposed and Overson seconded a motion to remove the financial reports from our website. This was approved unanimously.
5. Bush proposed and Worthington second a motion to give Ford her usual \$200 bonus and Fulton her \$100 bonus. The board agreed to pay their annual ACBL fee of \$35.
6. Bush indicated our current structure with a treasurer (Ford) and a comptroller (Fisher) is not inline with our By-Laws. The Club has grown considerably since the By-Laws were established. The By-Laws indicate a Treasury/Secretary position, and this has not been followed for several years. We will discuss at the next meeting if an amendment is needed. The Board seemed to agree that we may wish to propose changes to the By-Laws at some future date, doing away with the treasurer/secretary position and including mention of a comptroller. The Board feels it is a conflict for Fisher to continue as comptroller when he becomes a game director. Bush said he will talk with Fisher about resigning as comptroller, and he will talk to others in the club about becoming the new comptroller.
7. Poitinger noted that member Barbara Davis has requested a 299er game as part of our current Thursday afternoon game. No action was taken as time was running out.

The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Worthington, Secretary