

Minutes of October 12, 2009 Meeting

The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club

Members present: Pat Poitinger, Lynne Ziegler, Pat Ford, Bonnie Overson, Tom Bush, Chet Eicher and Ray Harris. Chet Eicher was welcomed as a new Board Member, replacing Doug Worthington for an additional year. Art Schwartz attended the last half of the meeting.

President Poitinger called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM.

Minutes of the September 14th and Special meeting of October 5th were approved as Emailed

Financial Report: Pat Ford presented an updated Financial Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Pro/Am Game:

Pat Ford verified that Laurel Manor is available to us each Sunday of the month.

Pat Poitinger stated that November 29th is the only possible date for this game for the remainder of this year. Pat said that Chuck Deal proposed two levels of master points be used. Players will sign up in advance, listing their master points next to their name. Prior to the game, Chuck will divide the list. The upper master point players will have their names in a basket. The lower master point players will draw a name out of the basket for pairing. Specifics of this event will be announced by all directors. The game will be scored as a handicap game and will hopefully serve as a social mixer. Players will need to arrive early (12:30) to accomplish the game set up and allow some discussion with partner.

SAVING SEAT POLICY:

Pat Ford stated that the seat saving policy is working well.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY BOOK: Membership directory books were presented for inspection by Tom Bush and the Board approved. The old format will be followed with the elimination of email addresses. Only home owners are to be listed in the directory and will have played at the Club within the last year to be included in the directory. Pat Ford will update the list of members and present to Chuck Deal who will edit them. Tom will meet with Art Schwartz to order the directories. The cost per directory is \$.35 regardless of the number ordered. It was also suggested that members check the website to make sure their information is accurate.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUGGESTION BOX: Lynne Ziegler brought suggestions from the members to discuss: changing dirty cards, Pro-Am game and playing more boards in the 299er game at Colony Cottage. Pat P. will present to Chuck Deal.

BY LAWS AND DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Pat P. and Tom B. recommended changes to the By Laws and Constitution to the Board. The changes were reviewed and discussed. The proposed changes will be on our Website for members to read before a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

A motion to approve the proposed interim changes to the By Laws and Constitution was made by Lynne Z. and seconded by Bonnie O. The motion was approved unanimously.

The proposed interim changes to the Duties and Responsibilities document were discussed. The duties and responsibilities of the Head Director were also discussed. A motion was made by Chet Eicher and seconded by Lynne Ziegler to approve the changes. The Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed interim changes of the Duties and Responsibilities document.

The changes to these documents now become the approved interim procedures for the remainder of the year. They will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting January 11, 2010.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Pat F. announced that December 14th will be the date of the Annual Christmas Party and the cost will be \$20.00 per person including dinner and bridge. She will contact Jane Du Lieu to discuss the 299er Christmas Party.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Nominating Committee is composed of Lynne Ziegler, Ray Harris, and Chet Eicher. Other Board members are asked to recommend candidates as well.

YEAR-END MEETINGS:

The date for the Annual Meeting was changed to Jan. 11, 2010 instead of Feb 8th. The Annual Meeting will start promptly at 4:45 p.m. to allow enough time for items to be covered.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board meeting will be held on December 7, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. The Board will discuss the logistics of the Annual Meeting.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 18, 2010. IT IS A REGULAR BOARD MEETING WITH ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS.

Flu and cold prevention was discussed. Hand sanitizers will be available at all games. The Board members suggest that directors remind players to cough in their elbow, and not come to games if they feel sick.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Overson, Secretary

Typed by Lynne Ziegler