

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009
THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Poitinger, Pat Ford, Ray Harris, Lynne Ziegler, Tom Bush, Bonnie Overson. Doug Worthington was absent due to family concerns.
GUESTS: Art Schwartz

President Pat Poitinger called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm. The minutes of August 10, 2009 were approved.

Bonnie Overson volunteered to be acting Secretary due to Doug Worthington's absence. Pat Ford presented an update on finances. The table count for August was 473.5.

OLD BUSINESS:

MENTORING PROGRAM: The mentoring program was discussed and concluded that there was little interest.

PRO-AM Game was discussed by president Poitinger as presented by Bill Ziemann and Chuck Deal. This was given a positive response by the Board and Pat P. will report to Chuck Deal for further action. A Sunday date was suggested for the first Pro-Am game.

SEABREEZE UPDATE: Pat Ford gave an update. Seabreeze is scheduled to open in March. Our request is in for Monday and Thursday evening games. The Thursday Mulberry evening game is to be moved to Seabreeze. A discussion followed regarding the logistics of two Monday evening games.

APPEALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Pat Poitinger presented the names of the members of the Appeals Committee, and she presented the responsibilities of the members. The duties, as outlined in 2007 in the Duties and Responsibilities, will need an interim procedure update. The Board members read a proposed interim procedure revision of Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws. The Board members are asked to review the proposed revision, make changes if necessary, and a vote will take place with exact wording at the next meeting. If approved, the interim procedure takes place until it is voted upon at the Annual Meeting. Poitinger stated at least three committee members must be present at an Appeals meeting, but if this is not possible, the Director has the right to choose a life master as long as that life master is not a Board member or Director.

The members of the Appeals Committee are: Bess Bailey, Nancy Deal, Bill Guenther, Gladys Mikel, Marilyn O'Donnell, Millie Vibbard, Bill Ziemann, Donna Ziemann, Joe Sacco, Jean Toone, and Renee Gleckner.

SAVING SEAT POLICY: Pat Ford presented a new Saving Seat Policy. The Board approved a motion made by Tom Bush, seconded by Ray Harris, to accept the new saving seat policy. It passed unanimously. The saving seat policy reads:

"Requesting North/South seat member, not able comfortably to play East/West for physical reasons only, may contact Pat Ford (740-4479) or the Director of the day. A day ahead is preferred for reservation. One member should arrive one-half hour prior to game time and the partner should arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to game. Deviation negates reservation. Directors may release the table to a waiting pair. In extenuating circumstances, the director may request a North/South pair to change to East/West. As a courtesy to all players, we encourage all members to be present 15 minutes prior to game time."

The saving-seat policy will be typed and attached to the money envelope prior to its initiation as a new policy. The Head Director will alert the directors of this new policy so they may bring attention to it.

Head Director, Chuck Deal, had suggested that players sign in at the door, as they do in ACBL tournaments. The Board discussed this and it was not received favorably by the Board, but it will be ultimately decided upon by the Head Director and his staff. Pat Poitinger will relay the Board's opinion to the Head Director. Whatever the Directors decide does not affect the saving seat policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

SWISS TEAM DIRECTOR: A motion was made by Lynne Ziegler, and seconded by Tom Bush. The motion was: The Board of Directors of The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club gives the Head Director the authority to manage and schedule the Directorial Staff. If the Head Director fails in this capacity, the Board of Directors has the power to intervene. The motion passed unanimously. The Duties and Responsibilities section covering the Head Director needs some revision and updating, reflecting the responsibilities of the Head Director. This will be discussed in detail at the next meeting, and if wording is acceptable to the Board members, it will become an interim procedure.

SPECIAL GAMES: Tom Bush and Lynne Ziegler presented the Special Game calendar for 2010. Lynne Ziegler will be in charge of the Special Games calendar in 2010. A motion was made by Bonnie Overson that the Special Game calendar be accepted. The motion was seconded by Pat Ford. The motion passed unanimously.

SUGGESTION BOX: Lynne Ziegler proposed a method for input by members. Following a discussion by the Board, it was suggested that note paper be available on the supply table and that members are encouraged to write their suggestion, placing it in the money envelope. The Directors will give these suggestions to Lynne Ziegler, and discussed at Board meetings.

PARTNERSHIPS: Lynne Ziegler suggested that some improvements be made to provide partnerships. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP BOOKS: Pat P. said that members have approached her to have an updated Membership Book available. Art Schwartz volunteered to talk with the printer who printed the last membership book to obtain a cost.

FLU SEASON: Following a discussion concerning the flu season, it was suggested that we look into the possibility of obtaining hand wipes to be used on the supply table and snack table. Pat Ford said she would check with The Villages to see if this would be a responsibility of our Club or The Villages.

A letter from a member was discussed by the Board, and deemed a matter to be taken up with the Director.

A motion was made by Lynn Ziegler, seconded by Pat Ford, to close the meeting at 5:45 pm.
Next meeting: October 12 (Monday) at 4:45 pm at Laurel Manor.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Overson, Acting Secretary
Typed by Pat Poitinger