

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
MINUTES APRIL 7, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: TOM BUSH, JACK FISHER, PAT FORD, BONNIE OVERSON, NEIL TIMM, DOUG WORTHINGTON, PAT POITINGER

The first part of the meeting was a closed meeting to discuss a private issue.

CALL TO ORDER: Tom Bush, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. The minutes of the February 25 and the minutes of the special meeting, held on March 17, were both approved as presented.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Jack Fisher reported a 9 ½% increase in the number of tables in play comparing the first quarter of 2007 to the first quarter of 2008. Cash position as of March 31, 2008 is \$2807. Tom Bush will put the financial report on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club Game Card: New club game cards, representing the new schedule, are now available.

299er Game Update: Tom Bush reported the 299er game is being well received by the players, with an average of 16 tables. The short teaching session before the game has been received enthusiastically by the players.

Zero Tolerance: The Board members and Directors have observed good results of the Zero Tolerance Policy. Players are more knowledgeable and aware of proper game etiquette.

6:00 or 6:30 Game Start Up Time: Tom Bush reported positive feedback concerning the time change. The players have been vacating the premises by 10:00 P.M. or close to it.

FAQ: Doug Worthington reported he is working on his project of Frequently Asked Questions.

NEW BUSINESS

New Milestone Link: Tom Bush reported that players can obtain information concerning their Club masterpoints by looking at the "Club Point Leaders" link on the website as a check with their personal records.

2 Sunday Swiss Games/Month All Year: There are two Swiss Team Games in the month of April. The Swiss Team Games have doubled in player participation this year. There will be only one Swiss Team game on the second Sunday from May through August.

The Board will look at this issue to see if more games should be added when the Fall season begins.

Formal Bridge Lessons: Doug Worthington feels there is a need for formal bridge lessons. Pat Ford said the Colony's room, which is being held for The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club, might be a possibility. Pat Ford also added that she gets many calls inquiring about bridge lessons. Doug will continue working on this issue.

Director's Course: Pat Poitinger spoke of a program in another city where new directors "understudy" experienced directors. It gives the new director confidence and experience, and it may be beneficial for the Club to have more directors to back up the present directors in case of need. This program is entitled "Directors in Training" under the auspices of The American Bridge Teachers' Association in Spokane, WA. Pat will talk to Chuck concerning the feasibility of such a program.

Pat asked if our present directors meet periodically to review rules, proper etiquette, training in people-directing skills, and ACBLScore. Tom said he thinks they do.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS: If there is reason for The Board to have a closed meeting in the future, The Board will consider inviting the complainants to air their complaints prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 7 at 5:30 P.M. at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Poitinger, Secretary