

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: TOM BUSH, JACK FISHER, PAT FORD, BONNIE OVERSON, NEIL TIMM, PAT POITINGER. Doug Worthington was excused from attending the meeting.

Guest: Chuck Deal

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 October 6, 2008, were approved as read.

4th QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2008: Pat Ford presented an Income and Expense sheet for the 4th quarter of 2008. The bank balance is \$5339.33. The Christmas party expenses are included in the Supplies category in December. A sheet showing the number of tables and directors' wages for 2008 was presented. The Club had a total of 5,206 tables playing in 2008.

Bonnie Overson made a motion to accept the financial report. Jack Fisher seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Pat Ford will obtain the necessary IRS tax forms and non-profit tax-exemption return form.

ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY FEBRUARY 2:

Nominating Committee: Neil Timm and Jack Fisher reported there will be three candidates. They are Cecilia Losiewicz, Bill Guenther, and Ray Harris. There will also be nominations from the floor. Logistics concerning the voting procedure were discussed. Each table will be given 4 sheets of paper for voting at the Annual Meeting. The names of the candidates will be posted on an easel. Neil Timm will speak about each person. Each member will be voting for two candidates. While Neil Timm and Bonnie Overson count the votes, Jack Fisher will give a summary of the Financial Report, and Tom Bush, out-going President, will recap the year. There will be time set aside for comments from the floor.

Recognition of 2008 Club Point Leaders: Tom Bush will give recognition to the top 3 leaders of the 299ers, Life Masters, Bronze Life Masters, Silver Life Masters and Gold Life Masters.

OLD BUSINESS:

Directors In Training: Pat Poitinger will continue to work on this issue; the goal being to have some sort of back up plan in case we need another director.

Thursday Evening Game and Colony Cottage Saturday game: The Thursday evening game and the Colony Cottage Saturday game are being well-received. Participation in The Colony Cottage game is increasing, especially with the 299ers.

Yellow ZT Warning Card for Bidding Boxes: Doug Worthington, excused from this meeting, is working on this.

Name Tags Alternate Source: Many Club members have purchased the alternate name tags. Two orders have already been sent in. Some are waiting for their order to be filled.

Automatic Dealer Machine (Duplimate) Progress Report: Doug Worthington, Charlie Showalter, Catherine Thompson, and Chuck Deal continue to investigate into this possibility.

2009 Special Games Calendar: There has been an increased interest in Swiss Team events by Club members. After much discussion, a motion was made by Neil Timm to offer an "Eight is Enough" Swiss game every month except for the month of December. That means that in some months where we have a Unit Swiss game, there will be 3 Swiss games a month. In addition it was decided to have 2 STAC games for the Unit STAC game weeks instead of just one to address the complaints from some that there weren't enough STAC games. Jack Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There was also discussion concerning having a game on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Since we had a very good turn out this past year, it was decided that we'd offer these games in the future IF the recreational centers are open. The revised 2009 Special Games Calendar with all these changes will be posted on the web-site soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Party 2009: Pat Ford reported that it is impossible to hold the Christmas Party in the big room at Laurel Manor because of Laurel Manor's rules concerning the card tables, which can not be moved to another room. More discussion about the Christmas Party in 2009 will take place at the next meeting. It is tentatively set for December 14.

Stratas for "Eight is Enough" games: Neil Timm suggested changing the stratas for the "Eight is Enough" games. Board members decided to leave the stratas alone because the people involved in running these games, Marilyn Fulton, Earl Vibbard, and Chuck Deal, all feel that the balance is good the way it is and everyone who wanted to play was able to find a partner.

Increase Number of Teams played in Swiss Team Events:

Jack Fisher made two recommendations:

1. Reduce the number of boards from 7 to 5, play 5 rounds, so that each team would now play more teams.
2. Use the 30-point victory scale rather than the 20-point victory scale.

A discussion concerning these changes took place. The Board members think the Club players would enjoy playing more teams, which brings about more camaraderie.

Concerning the victory-point scale: The Club has used the 20-point scale at the Villages

for many years. The other approved scale is the 30-point scale, which rewards the margin of victory in a match more than the 20-point scale—for instance, winning a match by 3 imps is a 2 to 1 victory margin (30-point scale) versus a 1½ to 1 victory margin (20-point scale). Further, winning by 10 imps provides a 4 to 1 victory margin (30-point scale) versus a 2 1/3 victory margin (20-point scale). In addition, Regional tournaments in this area use the 30-point scale, and more and more of our players are attending these tournaments. Use of the 30-point scale will spell out the advantage of winning a match by a larger margin.

A motion was made to change to the 30-point victory scale, reduce the number of boards from 7 to 5, and play 5 rounds. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: Because of the time element, the meeting was adjourned and the remainder of the agenda items will be discussed at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Poitinger, Secretary