

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB  
MINUTES OCT. 6, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: TOM BUSH, JACK FISHER, PAT FORD, BONNIE OVERSON, NEIL TIMM, DOUG WORTHINGTON, PAT POITINGER.  
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 July 7, 2008 were approved as read, with one exception. The minutes have been corrected to reflect the "Eight is Enough" games will run starting in September and ending in May when there is not a 2<sup>nd</sup> Swiss game scheduled.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Pat Ford and Jack Fisher presented the financial report. Tom Bush will post the third quarter financial report on the web site. There is approximately \$4100 in cash. Jack estimates approximately a \$5000 cash position at end of year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

COLONY COTTAGE SATURDAY GAME: Board members reported Colony Cottage game, starting September 6, is well received. There has been an average of 10 tables. There were 5 ½ tables of 299'ers on Saturday, October 4.

IDEAS TO INCREASE THURSDAY EVENING GAMES: Pat Ford reported it is impossible to move the game to another location. Tom Bush suggested the Board should continue the Thursday evening game, and take another look at the game attendance in January.

DIRECTOR'S IN TRAINING COURSE: Pat Poitinger reported that Chuck Deal is receptive in giving a training course to certified directors. Pat will now talk to the nine people who have said they are interested. Each person interested will be expected to purchase the new ACBL Laws of Duplicate Bridge book and Duplicate Bridge Direction by Alex Groner.

"EIGHT IS ENOUGH": The first "Eight is Enough" game will be held October 26. Discussion followed concerning the stratas for the game in order to achieve the goal of mixing up the teams. This will be discussed again after the first game. Chuck Deal said the brackets depend upon the number of A, B, and C players in the Club.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

APPOINT JACK FISHER AS NON-PAID COMPTROLLER: Doug Worthington made the motion to appoint Jack Fisher as a non-paid Club comptroller. He will work with Pat Ford, the Treasurer, to develop quarterly and annual reports. Neil Timm seconded the motion. The Board members voted in favor of the motion unanimously. Jack Fisher accepted this position.

Tom Bush said that because the Club is growing, he is suggesting we set up an Administrative Support Staff. The Board members are in favor of this. The current

Administrative link on our club's web site will be expanded to include an "Administrative Support Staff". Eventually, there will be a picture of the support staff on the web site as well.

FED IRS 1099 MISC TAX FORMS & NON-PROFIT TAX EXEMPT RETURN: Pat Ford and Jack Fisher reported these documents will be handled in January.

CHANGE COMPENSATION FOR HEAD DIRECTOR TO \$100/MONTH IN LIEU OF \$10 EXTRA PER GAME: Tom Bush suggested the Board pay Chuck Deal \$100 per month for his duties as head director. His game pay would be \$52, the same as other directors. Directors receive additional dollars depending on the number of tables. Jack Fisher made the motion to pay head director, Chuck Deal, \$100 per month, starting November 1, in lieu of the extra \$10 per game, payable on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Neil Timm seconded the motion. The Board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Jack Fisher said that because of the extra games and the increase in the number of tables, total compensation for the directors has increased substantially.

2009 SPECIAL GAMES CALENDAR: Tom Bush presented the 2009 Special Games Calendar including the months January through August. September through December cannot be completed until Tom receives the appropriate information from ACBL District 9. Tom Bush made the motion to approve the 2009 Special Games Calendar. Jack Fisher seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

INITIATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2009 ELECTION: The Board appointed Neil Timm and Jack Fisher, the Board's two out-going members, to co-head the Nominating Committee. They will nominate at least 3 people, and there will be nominations from the floor.

OVERALL WINNER FOR TWO-SECTION GAMES: Doug Worthington asked if an overall winner is a fair approach when sections are not playing the same boards. Jack Fisher and Tom Bush said ACBL guidelines for two-section games suggest overall winners because more points are awarded. The Board agreed to maintain ACBL guidelines.

AUTOMATIC DEALER MACHINE: Jack Fisher and Doug Worthington presented costs associated with the Duplimate Machine. The machine is priced at \$4083 and 216 bar-coded decks of cards are priced at \$274. Boards would also be needed. Jack said as time elapses, the price will probably come down. Our games are held at various locations which would necessitate directors to arrive early at the site of the Duplimate machine, make up the boards, and take them to the site of play. Doug reported that Catherine Thompson has played at clubs using the Duplimate machine and the hand records generated are very useful. The Board members concurred the Directors should be contacted about this idea. It was agreed the costs associated with this machine are prohibitive at this time. Doug suggested forming a committee to see if club members would be willing to donate money toward this expenditure. Doug will contact the company to get more information, and Tom will talk to Chuck about serving on this committee.

DEALMASTER PRO PROGRAM FOR 2 SECTIONS: Neil Timm said this program is not feasible to use.

AUTOMATIC REMOTE SCORER (BRIDGEMATE) FOR EACH TABLE: Jack Fisher said there are advantages to using these scorers. Each table would be equipped with a BRIDGEMATE scorer which connects to the computer via a server for scoring purposes. The total cost, excluding taxes and shipping, is \$6264. The Board members agreed that, at the present time, these scorers are too expensive. With time, these costs may come down, and it may be something we can consider at another time.

YELLOW ZT WARNING CARD FOR BIDDING BOX: Doug Worthington suggested that each bidding box should contain a “friendly warning card”. Board members liked this idea. Neil Timm moved to give Doug the right to obtain the cards if the cost is reasonable. Jack Fisher seconded the motion. The Board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

NAME TAGS – ALTERNATE SOURCE: Doug Worthington showed name tags from another source that are less expensive than the ones currently used. The magnetic name tags are only \$3. Doug will contact the company to see if they can design a logo fitting for our club. This company may also be able to design the “friendly warning card”.

MEMBERS COMMENTS: Pat Ford talked about the Christmas Party. The cost per person will be \$20 inclusive. The entrée is higher priced because of better choices. Jack Fisher moved to subsidize the Christmas Party any amount over \$20 to include bridge fees. Doug Worthington seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4 to 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Poitinger, Secretary