

THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Lake Miona Rec Center **April 22, 2025**

President, Jon Williams called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

Attendance: Board Members: Vice President, Nancy Turner; Secretary, Merle Erlich, Vicki Collins, Russ Pearly, Judy Smith, and Jon Williams. Also present were Treasurer, Tom Tessier ; Club Manager, Donna Brown, and Head Directors Pat Holmes and John Quinn. Dutch Dresser, Jim O'Brien, and Bruce Thiher were excused.

The March Minutes, previously distributed to the Board and posted on the website, were approved.

Ratification of decisions taken since the last board meeting:

Discontinuation of 1500 Thursday morning game at Sea Breeze.

Since the game schedule committee met after the March Board meeting, President Williams reported their findings via email to the Board of Directors as follows:

The game schedule committee met on April 7, 2025 to review the progress of the Thursday Morning 1500 game at Sea Breeze. Data presented showed that from January 1 to date the game has been underperforming, especially considering that this is the peak population time of the year. In addition, the permit for this game allows use of the card room only until 11:50, often not enough time to complete a satisfactory number of boards and vacate the room. The committee recommends that the game be discontinued and an Under 300 section be added to the Thursday afternoon open game at Ezell Rec Center.

Based on the committee's recommendation, Williams requested an email vote on the following:
Discontinue the Thursday morning 1500 game at Sea Breeze and add an under 300 section to the Thursday afternoon game at Ezell rec center, effective the week beginning Monday, May 5.

The board of Directors voted by email 7-0 to pass the above motion.

Club Manager's Report: Donna Brown

- Game Price set at \$4. A motion to set our game prices at \$4 was made.
The Board unanimously approved.
- The accomplishments of the Tournament Committee's first two meetings were summarized.
Pat Holmes expressed concern that all equipment taken from Rec Center sites be returned to same sites in operable condition. John Quinn suggested that all computers and Rec Center equipment be labeled.
- All sanctions have been received with the exception of the June, 2026 Tournament which is pending from the ACBL due to the Villages requiring us to change original dates.
- Our storage unit facility is under new ownership.
- The May Game schedule:
 - There is no Sunday, May 18th game at Sea Breeze.
 - The May Schedule will include Grass Roots Fund Games, a Stardust week awarding a percentage of gold points. Six days of glitter points are scheduled.
 - A 4th Saturday morning Swiss Team Game was added to Saturday mornings at Miona.
 - Rec Center closings were noted and will be reflected in the May Game Schedule.
 - Need to omit the Club Name from the 2026 Bridge Cruise that has been coordinated by Marilyn Williams. While the cruise opportunity has been offered to our members it is not an official Bridge Club activity and the Club does not bear any responsibility for it.
- Will research possibility of setting up an Emergency Eblast.
- Donna has asked that all club related email be sent to her at manager@vdbc.us.

John Quinn and Pat Holmes reminded the Board to include them in any game schedule discussions, additions, and decisions. They reiterated that we are short on Directors especially during the summer months.

A concern was expressed that we may want to consider setting up a dedicated account on a dedicated computer for banking purposes. Donna will explore our options.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Tessier provided the Board with the following:

- Mar 2025 Operating Statement
- Mar 2025 Activity Comparisons - Mar 2025, Jan 2025, Feb 2025 and Mar 2024
- Balance Sheet Comparisons - 3/31/2025; 3/31/2024; and 12/31/2024
- Wildwood Soup Kitchen thank you letter 3/20/2025

Tom recapped March, 2025 with the following highlights:

- We hosted 98 games with 1,257.5 tables. There were 116 free plays and we were joined by 37 guests.
- Our March income was \$21,283.46.
- Expenses were \$17,870.14
- Resulting in a positive margin of \$3,393.31.
- Year to date positive margin is \$5,802.24
- We issued 20 checks totaling \$17,848.29 to our directors and contractors for services provided and reimbursable expenses.
- We contributed \$1,395.00 to The Alzheimer's Association.

At month-end we had the following balances:

- Checking account: \$24,984.27
- CDs: \$60,000
- Equity: \$71,888.92

The Treasurer's Report was approved with thanks from the Board.

Implementation of Morning Schedule Changes

- The under 20 Game currently held at Rohan on Tuesday mornings will move to the Sea Breeze Thursday morning time slot. The limited time on the Sea Breeze permit does not adversely affect the <20 game because only 12 to 15 boards are played. This move also facilitates the next move.
- The Tuesday morning under 100 Game at Riverbend Rec Center moves to Rohan Rec Center in the place of the Tuesday <20 game. Riverbend is a village rec center (kiddie pool and billiard room), a type of facility that does not offer the support our games need. Moving the game to Rohan supports, to the extent possible at present, our obligation to the Rec Department to serve the southern part of The Villages.

Tuesday Evening Game Format:

An Open Game and concurrent Under 300 Game were added on Tuesday evenings at Miona.

StaC and Glitter Point Games

Jon Williams addressed the concern expressed by members that hands seem to be keyed up for special games. All of our common game hands are random. He plans to clear up this misconception in his President's Message on April 27, 2025.

The Longest Day Date Adjustment: Nancy Turner reported that we will hold our Longest Day Event on Sunday June, 22, 2025 at 9:00am.

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be May 20, 2025 at 4:30 pm at Lake Miona Recreation Center. It was noted that some Board members will be away this summer.

The April 22, 2025 Board meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm and went into Executive session.

Respectively submitted,

Merle Erlich, Secretary.