

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting
December 1, 2014

Addie Mattox called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in Gateway Multipurpose Room #1.

Attendees: Board members in attendance were Jean Autrey, Bobbie Burgess, Marj Livingston, Addie Mattox, Kit Miller, Mary Neff, Al Smith and Barbara V. Smith. Earl Reeve was absent. Michael Gosnell, the Club Manager, also attended.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made and passed to amend the November 3, 2014 General meeting minutes to reflect table fees for STAC week, December 8-13. Members will pay \$4 and guests \$9. A motion was made and passed to approve the November 3, 2014 Executive session minutes as submitted.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): The cash balance as of November 30th is \$34,572. The figure includes a \$12,000 reserve fund for equipment replacements. Average table attendance is holding steady. A motion was made and passed to approve the November financial reports.

Membership Report (Addie Mattox): RDBC membership year-to-date is 392. So far, 221 people have paid their 2015 dues. Addie noted that three people took advantage of the bargain offer to join RDBC for \$1 for the remainder of the year. She also said another 3 people paid \$1 for the remainder of 2014 but then also paid the full \$10 2015 membership fee. By the December 15th meeting, Addie will publish a list of those who have paid and those who have not. Addie also mentioned that the RDBC Directory will likely be published by February.

Publicity Report (Kit Miller): Kit continues to publish articles and pictures of winners. She will submit articles on the December 15th luncheon and annual meeting as well as the upcoming January classes. We are still discussing the pros and cons of using Channel 28 to announce various RDBC events.

Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess): The December 15th holiday luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. and be followed by the annual meeting. The menu includes some items from Sunrise Bistro as well as Trader Joe's and Safeway. Bobbie mentioned again how much she relies on Angie Murry to help her with the hospitality role.

Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell):

1. **Nov. 15th Swiss Team Game:** Several issues arose during the last Swiss Team game including major computer problems. Board members supported Michael's recommendation that future Swiss Team games be bracketed. Bracketed games do not require the use of a computer or a caddie. Additionally players will be divided into smaller groups based on master points which should improve the overall experience. We will continue to have 2 directors for Swiss Team games.
2. **New Boards:** For the most part, the 36 new plastic boards are working well though some players complain it's difficult to read the dealer and vulnerability labels. The boards are much faster for Dori to use with the dealing machine. The cards that came with the new

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boards were difficult for members to see. They were pulled from play and replaced with bridge buddy cards. RDBC will most likely donate the old cards.

3. **Convert to Plastic Boards:** Based on the experience with the 36 plastic boards, all agreed that we should convert from the metal boards to plastic. Michael will present a proposal at the January meeting. He estimates the cost at about \$2000 for 8 more sets of boards (without cards), cases, and bridge buddy cards. He will also include the cost of vulnerable inserts for all of the plastic boards.
4. **Perpetual RDBC Trophy:** Board members agree that having a perpetual RDBC trophy is a good idea. Finding a place to display the trophy presents an obstacle. Addie will check with Betsy to see if RDBC can place a display case in the Oak Room. Michael also suggested that we publish RDBC member's names in the Rossmoor News when they win ACBL awards like the Mary McKinney, Ace of Clubs, etc. Kit would need access to the information in order to publish the names.
5. **2015 Game Schedule:** Michael presented a draft RDBC 2015 Game Schedule. We discussed and resolved potential conflicts. Michael will confirm a few dates with the ACBL and then email a final version to Addie which will be included in the RDBC Directory and on the new RDBC Website.
6. **Sunshine Coordinator:** Michael recommended the Board appoint a person to be the RDBC Sunshine Coordinator. The person would be responsible for sending a card and/or flowers to members who become seriously ill. Board members were concerned that they may not always know if someone is seriously ill. Michael suggested that we can rely on our membership to provide the information. The topic will be discussed at the next meeting when new board members are elected.
7. **Free Play Certificates:** We reviewed a draft "free-play" certificate and made the following recommendations:
 - a. The general birthday free-plays should be numbered and dated and good for 3 months only
 - b. Special free-plays for specific people or groups should be customized to identify the person or group. They should also be numbered, dated, and have an expiration date.

New Business (Addie Mattox): 2015 Education Program: Michael presented the 2015 bridge education proposal. The list includes 8 classes, four on Mondays and four on Tuesdays. Monday classes are for beginning and intermediate players. Tuesday classes will be for more advanced players. Some classes will be 9 weeks and others 8 weeks. Some classes will require a minimum of 2 tables and others 4 tables. Residents will be given priority registration for the first couple of weeks. Residents will pay \$5/class session plus \$10 to join RDBC if they are not already members. Non-residents will pay \$10/class session. Additional fees will be paid for books and materials. The entire amount must be paid, not a per session fee. Instructors will be paid according to the following sliding scale based on the number of tables:

- c. 2-4 tables = \$80/session
- d. 5-6 tables = \$100/session
- e. 7-8 tables = \$120/session

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The two January classes were approved. Kit will publish articles. Barbara Smith will be the contact and help with registration. The chart below provides details of the two January classes. We will review and approve future classes at later meetings.

Class	Dates	Resident Cost	Non-Resident Cost
Mondays - Basic Review & Competitive Bidding (Min. of 4 table and Max. of 5 tables)	Jan. 12-Mar 16 (9 weeks)	\$45 - Resident Member \$55 - Resident Non-Member	\$90 - Non-resident
Tuesdays - Slam Bidding (Min. of 4 tables and Max. of 7 tables)	Jan. 13-Mar 2 (8 weeks)	\$40 - Resident Member \$50 - Resident Non-Member	\$80 - Non-resident

Old Business (Addie Mattox): The 4 topics below were covered:

1. **RDBC Website:** Michael is working on the website which will be available in January. Documents must be in .doc format. Mary will email approved minutes for the past couple of months. Jean will email the financial reports. The game schedule will be included on the website. Eventually more information will be added as the site develops.
2. **December 15th Annual Meeting:** Final plans were made and action items recorded to insure that the Annual meeting runs smoothly and ends in time for the 12:30 p.m. game. Directors will make announcements next week to remind members to attend.
3. **Club Management Structure and Succession Planning:** Deferred until the January meeting and after the election of Board officers.
4. **January Meeting Date:** The January meeting will be January 12th so as not to conflict with the Monterey Regional tournament. Addie will miss the January meeting due to travel plans.

We reviewed and updated the action item list.

The general meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. We did not hold an executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neff,
 Secretary, RDBC