

**ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting**  
**January 12, 2015**

Earl Reeve called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. in Gateway Multipurpose Room #1.

**Attendees:** Board members in attendance were Jean Autrey, Bobbie Burgess, Marj Livingston, Kit Miller, Mary Neff, Earl Reeve and Barbara V. Smith. Addie Mattox and Al Smith were absent. Michael Gosnell, the Club Manager, attended by phone at the end of the meeting to answer a few questions. Jeannine Dolgin attended early in the meeting as a guest to provide information about a special membership request that would be an exception to the RDBC by-laws. The Board discussed the request during the executive session.

**Approve Minutes:** A motion was made and passed to approve the amended December 1, 2014 General meeting minutes. A motion was made and passed to approve the December 15, 2015 Minutes as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey):** RDBC ended 2014 with a profit of \$3800, largely due to the success of the education program. A motion was made and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**Membership Report (Barbara Smith):** About 120 RDBC members have not renewed their 2015 membership. A list of those who have not yet paid is posted in the Oak Room. Barbara updates the list frequently. Directors will remind players to pay their 2015 dues. Those who have not paid by January 15th will be charged guest table fees.

**Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess):** Earl thanked Bobbie for the great job providing lunch for the December 15th holiday luncheon. Then Bobbie explained the plans for lunch at this Sunday's Unit game (Jan. 18th). She asked for and received approval to spend a few dollars more than the \$253 allocated budget on the lunch. Marj volunteered to help Bobbie with the setup. Earl also reminded everyone of the new date for the March Unit game. It will be March 8th instead of March 15th.

**Publicity Report (Kit Miller):** A motion was made and approved to have RDBC participate in the 2015 Rossmoor games along with many other Rossmoor clubs. RDBC will have one special game on Monday, September 21st. Eight certificates will be awarded to the top partnerships in the two sections. All players who participate in the September 21st game may attend a luncheon on Friday, September 25th for some minimal fee. Kit will coordinate the details with Kent Crosswell, who is organizing the overall event and with Michael Gosnell, RDBC Club Manager. She will also provide more details as the date approaches.

**Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell):**

1. **New Boards:** Michael was able to purchase used boards in good condition from an RDBC member saving the club some money. He still plans to purchase 2 additional sets.
2. **RDBC Website:** Work continues on the RDBC Website. Mary will email Michael a file listing the names, office, and term of RDBC Board members for posting on the Website. Board minutes will also be posted along with game schedules. Eventually, the Website

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will include RDBC By-Laws, Zero Tolerance Policy, and other details about the club which are now documented in the RDBC Directory.

**New Business (Earl Reeve):**

- **Board Member Terms:** On December 31st of each year, the terms of three of the nine directors expires. The following terms apply to the current directors: 2015 - Addie Mattox, Marj Livingston, and Barbara V. Smith. 2016 - Jean Autrey, Kit Miller, Mary Neff. 2017 - Bobbie Burgess, Earl Reeve, Al Smith.
- **Zero Tolerance Policy:** Several zero tolerance violations occurred in December. As outlined in the October 2014 minutes, the Board agreed to address the violations that followed the 2 requirements: (1) Formal written complaint, and (2) The Director was involved. Details of the two violations were discussed in the Executive Session.
- There was unanimous support for continuing to enforce the zero tolerance policy. A positive atmosphere at the tables is critical to recruiting new members and directors and to retaining current members. We reviewed 2014 violations and noted that enforcement is following a consistent process for both members and guests. Marj Livingston volunteered to assume responsibility for writing the zero tolerance letters. Mary will continue to keep the log of all communications.
- **Rossmoor Fund:** Earl received a Rossmoor Fund donation form. We discussed contributing RDBC funds to the Rossmoor Fund. Many agreed the fund is a very worthwhile charity. However, the majority felt that any money designated for the Rossmoor Fund or other charities should be clearly identified as such. For example, other clubs conduct special charity efforts to collect money. Members who donate have a choice of giving to the fund or not. A motion was made and passed NOT to donate RDBC general funds to the charity. However, we may at a future date conduct some sort of a separate effort to raise money for charity.

**Old Business (Earl Reeve):** None

We reviewed and updated the action item list.

The general meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. for an Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Neff.*  
Secretary, RDBC