

**ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting**  
**August 3, 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, Al Smith and Barbara V. Smith. Addie Mattox was absent. Michael Gosnell, the Club Manager also attended.

**Approve Minutes:** A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes for both the General and Executive meetings for June 1, 2015. Since the Board did not meet in July, there were no July minutes to approve.

**Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey):** RDBC is in good financial shape in spite of the loss of revenue for the Monday, July 6th game and the low profits at the June 21st Unit game. A power failure in the Gateway complex on Monday, July 6th led to the cancellation of the game. Since both the Director and her assistant came to work that day the Board passed a motion to pay them their full regular fee. A motion was made and passed to approve both the June and July financial reports.

**Membership Report (Addie Mattox):** No report this month

**Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess):** Attendance at the June 21st Unit game was very low. As a result, profits were less than \$25. We agreed to scrutinize the 2016 calendar to insure that Sunday Unit games don't compete with Father's Day or other major events. In spite of the low profits and turnout, all agreed that we should continue to provide refreshments at the Sunday Unit games.

**Publicity/Sunshine Report (Kit Miller):** Three articles will appear in upcoming issues of The Rossmoor News:

- Articles describing RDBC's participation in the Rossmoor Games will appear for the next two weeks in August and again in September. The games are during the week of September 21st. Michael will inform Directors about the reduced table fees and the Friday luncheon.
- The B-section pair who achieved a 70% game will be recognized in the Rossmoor News
- An article describing the "overflow" beginner class which starts Tuesday, 8/4.

**Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell):** Five topics were discussed:

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- **New Directors** - A recent RDBC concern was the lack of “relief” directors. Fortunately, three ACBL certified people have expressed interest in directing at Rossmoor. Wayne Miller will begin training on Saturdays with Sharon. Michael will schedule training for the others when he returns from vacation next month.
- **July 11th Swiss Team Game** - Directing Swiss Teams at Rossmoor continues to have a few challenges. Unfortunately, one of the two directors had an emergency on July 11th and had to cancel at the last minute. Fortunately, Michael was playing and available to help direct in between boards. Scoring and movement among the less experienced players continues to be problematic. And without the second director, it was a bigger problem on July 11th. Lastly, the newly released ACBL scoring program appears to have a bug or perhaps was set up incorrectly. Michael is working with the ACBL to resolve the issue. Our next opportunity to hold a Swiss game is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th. So we do have time to get prepared.
- **Equipment** - At Michael’s request, a motion was made and passed to purchase a new overhead transparency projector for less than \$250. The Board also approved purchase of a new paper cutter and pencil sharpener. In addition to the new equipment, Michael was authorized to get a new drum for the broken copier.
- **Psych Bids** - The Board discussed the recent and very thoughtful complaint from an RDBC member about Psych bids during the game. Michael explained that Psych bids occur when a player intentionally bids something they do not have. He presented reference material from the ACBL on the rules and their enforcement. He also described the difference between a Psych bid and a Destructive bid. Michael has talked to the players involved. Directors will continue to monitor the situation and to insure that Psych bidding is not allowed at RDBC games.
- **Action Items** - We reviewed and updated the action item list.

**Old Business (Earl Reeve):** Three Old Business topics were discussed:

- **Amended By-Laws** - A motion was made and passed to approve the amended RDBC By-Laws which were last updated in 2007. The next step is to provide RDBC members 30 days to review and comment on the revisions. The revised By-Laws will be posted on the RDBC website and on the Oak Room bulletin board within the next couple of weeks. Final approval is planned for the December annual meeting.
- **May 22, 2016 Larry Cohen Seminar** - The initial financial commitment to host a Larry Cohen one-day seminar changed. Instead of “no minimum cost” it will now be a minimum of \$4000. Based on a show of hands at a Monday game, interest in the seminar from RDBC members is low. Therefore, the Board agreed not to make the

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financial commitment. Instead, RDBC will ask the Unit if they are interested in making the financial commitment to hold the seminar in the Oak Room on Sunday, May 22, 2016.

- **Unit 499 Sectional on Oct 29th and 30th** - GRF approved the use of the Event Center for the 2016 Fall Sectional. As soon as Earl has the formal written approval from Recreation, we will notify the Unit 499 Board.

**New Business (Earl Reeve):**

- **Nominating Committee** - Addie Mattox will chair a nominating committee. The terms for 3 board members expire at the end of 2015. The nominating committee will create a slate of candidates and recommend those most qualified to the Board for approval. The membership will approve candidates at the December meeting.
- **Table Fees** - We reviewed current table fees for Sunday and Thursday evening Unit games. The fees are \$4.00 for members and \$8.00 for guests. After a brief discussion, we agreed to maintain the current rates and to keep Unit game table fees the same for both days.

The next meeting is Monday, September 7, 2015.

The general meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. for an Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Neff,*  
Secretary, RDBC