

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting
September 7, 2015

Earl Reeve 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, Earl Reeve, Al Smith and Barbara V. Smith. Michael Gosnell, the Club Manager was absent.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes for both the General and Executive meetings for August 3, 2015.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): The YTD profit as of August 31st is \$11,454. Jean did say that we are expecting a few outstanding expenses. However, she is still forecasting a very healthy financial picture for the club. A motion was made and passed to approve the August Financial reports.

The two new beginner classes, rather than being subsidized by the club, are generating a profit due to so many students enrolling. The classes attracted 32 new RDBC members plus 39 existing members and 3 non-residents. The team teaching method appears to work well. Jean made a motion to amend the class size policy accordingly: "Class size will be left to the discretion of the RDBC Club Manager". Bobbie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Membership Report (Addie Mattox): Two items were discussed:

- **Total Membership** - As of September 4, paid RDBC memberships total 386 which is 38 more members since June 1st.
- **2016 Membership Drive** - 2016 dues collection will begin in October to catch the RDBC "snow birds" before they leave town. Addie will have the membership envelopes soon. The Board discussed a club rule about dues for members joining later in the year. The current membership rule states that new members joining after October 31 will have their dues apply to the remainder of the current year plus the following year. The issue is that tracking and accounting for members joining at the end of the year is difficult if not impossible. After a long discussion of alternatives, a motion was made and passed by a narrow margin to implement the following policy effective January 1, 2016: "New members must pay \$10 to join the club. There are no prorated dues for partial year membership."

Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess): Bobbie and Angie will take care of hospitality for the Sunday, October 11th Unit Game. The hospitality budget is about \$230. The Unit provides about \$180 and RDBC about \$50.

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Publicity/Sunshine Report (Kit Miller): Articles describing RDBC's participation in the Rossmoor Games will appear in the Rossmoor News. Kit will also make announcements at the bridge games for the next couple of weeks. Players need to know about the reduced table fees and the tickets for the Friday lunch. Kit will also remind Michael and the directors about the details during the week of September 21.

Club Manager's Report (Earl Reeve for Michael Gosnell): The dealing machine problem required a new cord for \$160. The expense was authorized. Training for the two potential directors is proceeding as planned. We reviewed and updated the Action Item list.

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

- **Amended By-Laws** - The revised By-Laws will be posted on the RDBC website and on the Oak Room bulletin board for at least 30 days beginning September 10. During the 30-day period, members may send comments to marykayneff@comcast.net. The Board will consider the comments in November and December and target final approval during the December annual meeting.
- **Unit 499 Sectional** - RDBC received written approval from GRF to host the 2016 Fall Sectional on October 29 and 30. The next step is to work with the Unit 499 Board to clarify roles and responsibilities. Members from the Unit Board will attend the RDBC Board meeting on October 5th. At the meeting, Betsy Hocking will describe the rules and liabilities relating to use of the Event Center.
- **Nominating Committee** - Addie recruited one member for the nominating committee and will soon have a second person. She asked Board members to help recruit qualified Board Member candidates to fill upcoming open positions.

New Business (Earl Reeve): None

The general meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. for an Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neff,
Secretary, RDBC