

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting
October 5, 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, and Earl Reeve. Al Smith and Barbara V. Smith were absent. Michael Gosnell, the Club Manager arrived late but in time to give the Club Manager's Report.

Guests: Unit #499 Board members Anne Hollingsworth, Jackie Zayac, and Ted Gunn, attended today's meeting along with Betsy Hocking, the Rossmoor Recreation Director, to discuss roles and responsibilities for hosting the Fall Unit Sectional in the Event Center.

Unit 499 Sectional (Earl Reeve): RDBC will sponsor the 2016 Fall Sectional at the Event Center on October 29th and 30th (approved by GRF in Aug. 2015). The goal of this agenda item was to identify roles and responsibilities between the Unit and RDBC. Betsy Hocking summarized RDBC responsibilities. She indicated that other Rossmoor clubs sponsor events for non-resident members of a larger organization. Examples include the Diablo Valley MAC User Group, as well as the golf, tennis, lawn bowling and rotary clubs. Sponsorship of the Unit #499 Sectional will follow a similar model. The Unit will submit the required insurance papers and details needed by GRF. All outside advertisement must state that the Sectional is sponsored by RDBC AND Unit 499, which is a GRF Policy 302 requirement.

Several questions were asked and clarified. At the end of the discussion agreement was made to have Earl Reeve, Addie Mattox, Jean Autrey, and Kit Miller serve on the Sectional Team as the RDBC representatives. Their primary role is to be a liaison between the Unit Tournament Team and Rossmoor facility planners. The Unit will, as always, appoint a Tournament Director, Hospitality Chair, etc. The Unit will handle all communication with the ACBL. Any expenses related to using the Event Center will be covered by the Unit.

Agreement was also made that RDBC may hold the Saturday, Oct. 29th game in the Oak Room for members who prefer to play the scheduled Saturday RDBC game for \$3 instead of attending the Sectional where they would pay \$12 per session.

Barbara Seagram Seminar: Barbara Seagram will visit the Bay Area in September 2016. She is scheduling a number of seminars at various Bay Area Bridge Clubs. Anne Hollingsworth (Unit #499 President) asked if RDBC might want to host a seminar on Sunday, September 25, 2016 in the Oak Room. The arrangements would be similar to the 2012 Barbara Seagram seminar held in the Oak Room where RDBC members received registration priority and were charged a reduced fee. Earl agreed to see if

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the Oak Room is available on Sunday, September 25th, 2016 for the seminar. (Note: a few days after the Board meeting we learned that Barbara was not available on Sunday. The Board decided not to cancel any of the RDBC games in order to host the seminar.)

At the close of the above discussions, Betsy and guests left the meeting. Michael Gosnell arrived.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes for both the General and Executive meetings for September 7, 2015.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): The YTD profit as of September 30, 2015 is \$8,438. Mary noted that the 413 birthday free plays to date exceed the total RDBC membership. Jean will investigate how we control and audit the birthday free play tickets. Jean also noted that the use of general free plays is inconsistent. Board members agreed that when a director recruits a pair to move to a different section, the pair should be given a free play. Michael will communicate the practice to the directors. A motion was made and passed to approved the September 2015 Financial reports.

Membership Report (Addie Mattox): The 2016 membership drive is underway. Envelopes are available.

Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess): Bobbie reported the she and Angie have the Sunday, Oct. 11th Unit Game hospitality well under control.

Publicity/Sunshine Report (Kit Miller): RDBC experienced an increase in attendance during the week of free plays for the Rossmoor games. Unfortunately, the free lunch tickets did not work well. Many of those who won the lunch tickets did not attend the Friday lunch. Kit reported that was the trend across the Rossmoor clubs. Next year the Rossmoor Games Committee will not hold a celebration lunch. Kit also mentioned that RDBC was asked if they wanted to advertise on Channel 28. Board Members agreed that the venue does not work well for the club.

Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell): A new director, Michael Kruley, worked today with very positive feedback. He and Dori handled questions and director calls very well. We also reviewed and updated the action item lists.

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

- **Amended By-Laws** - Kit will publish an article in the Rossmoor News about the proposed amendments to the RDBC By-Laws. Copies of the proposed amendments were placed on the RDBC website and on the Oak Room bulletin board in early

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September. To date, only one person has commented on the changes. The 30-day comment period ends in early November. Final approval will be made by a majority of the RDBC members present and in good standing during the December 14th annual meeting.

- **Nominating Committee** - One position on the Board of Directors will open January 2016. Addie reported that the nominating committee so far has one candidate.

New Business (Earl Reeve): Earl proposed that we develop an internet-based partnership desk to replace the current phone-based partnership coordinators. All agreed that the internet is a great alternative but it won't serve all of the RDBC membership at this time. Many RDBC members who use the phone partnership desk do not use the internet. Earl also noted that members are using the partnership list on the Oak Room bulletin board.

The general meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. for an Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neff,
Secretary, RDBC