

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting
November 2, 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 also attended. RDBC member, Sherry Marks, also attended.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes for both the General and Executive meetings for October 5, 2015.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): The YTD profit as of October 31, 2015 is \$10,593. A primary contributor to the increased revenues is the educational program as well as attendance at the games.

Based on the excellent RDBC financial position, Jean made a motion to offer **reduced table fees for December except during STAC week (Dec. 7-12)**. RDBC members will play for free. Guests will pay \$5 instead of \$7 except at the Friday game where guests will pay \$3 instead of the normal \$5 rate for the Friday game.

Jean noted a minor error in the Financial report. A motion was made and passed to approve the revised October reports.

Membership Report (Addie Mattox, Barbara V. Smith): Membership currently stands at 386. The 2016 membership drive is underway. Envelopes are available. Addie also reported that the source documents for 2015 membership are now with Dori. Dori is using the information to update and correct the RDBC database.

Barbara V. Smith highlighted an issue with the November class registration guidelines. The guidelines require Rossmoor residents who are not RDBC members to pay the \$10 annual club membership fee. Barbara suggested the requirement for the November class be modified so that the \$10 covers both 2015 and 2016 membership. The exception will apply to very few students. A motion was made and passed to support Barbara's proposal.

Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess): Board members thanked Bobbie for the excellent "spread" that she and Angie provided at the October 11th Unit game. Several attendees commented on the event being a good deal with a great lunch and low table fees. Bobbie and Angie are currently planning the luncheon for the December 14th annual meeting and game. The budget is about \$513.

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Publicity/Sunshine Report (Kit Miller): Kit has been busy with publicity. She is publishing articles in both the Rossmoor News and the Unit #499 Google Groups when appropriate. Upcoming articles will cover the reduced December table fees, the December 14th annual meeting, the new policy on birthday plays, and players who have 70%+ games. And if the game uses IMP scoring, it will be converted to match points and publicized when it equates to a 70%+ match point game.

Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell): We reviewed the Action item list and then discussed the following three items:

- **Directors** - Several members provided positive feedback on the newest director, Mike Kruley. Wayne Miller also expressed interest in directing at RDBC. He has trained in the Saturday game and will let Michael know his future availability.
- **2016 Equipment Forecast** - In preparation of the 2016 budget, Michael discussed potential equipment needs. According to Michael, the dealing machine is working fine now but we should think about contingencies should RDBC need to replace it. The initial cost was \$5000-\$6000. Jean confirmed we have an equipment replacement fund should we need to replace it or other equipment. Some members thought we have an agreement with the Diablo Valley Bridge Club (DVBC) to provide backup to one another if needed on a short-term basis. Michael will provide the current cost of a dealing machine and explore a backup agreement with DVBC. The bridge pads and other equipment are much lower costs and not an issue at this time.
- **November 14th Swiss Teams** - Registration is underway. Sharon and Pat will direct and Michael G. will be present.

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

- **Amended By-Laws** - We reviewed member feedback on the proposed by-laws and agreed to incorporate the suggestions. Mary will update the proposed by-laws and post them in the Oak Room and on the website. She will also send a thank-you note to the members who provided the suggestions. Final approval will be made by a majority of the RDBC members present and in good standing during the December 14th annual meeting. The approved by-laws will appear in the 2016 RDBC Directory.
- **Revised Birthday Free-Play Policy** - As discussed in the October meeting, birthday free-plays exceed the number of RDBC members. For example, as of October 31st, 450 birthday free plays were distributed. Rather than attempt to control the free-play use, the Board approved a motion to change the policy. The idea came from an RDBC member. Effective January 2016, RDBC will replace monthly birthday free-

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plays with two birthday celebration games held on the second Monday in January AND July. The games will be festive and include birthday cakes.

- **RDBC Free-Plays** - Michael will remind directors that when they distribute a free-play they must write the reason on the back.
- **2016 Sectional** - The Board discussed ideas to encourage RDBC members to participate in the 2016 Fall Sectional in the Event Center. Table fees will be \$12. One idea was to provide one free play to each RDBC member who participates in the Sectional. The Board will address other ideas in the near future.
- **New Business (Earl Reeve):** Board members reluctantly accepted Al Smith's resignation. They acknowledged Al's contributions including his innovative ideas, sound advice and good judgement. Al will be missed. Bob Elgie has agreed to serve on the Board for the remainder of Al's term which expires in December 2017. Bob will serve as RDBC membership chair. The Board voted unanimously to elect Bob Elgie to succeed Al Smith on the RDBC Board effective immediately.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neff,
Secretary, RDBC