

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting
December 7, 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, Bob Elgie, Addie Mattox, Kit Miller, Mary Neff, Earl Reeve, and Barbara V. Smith. Marj Livingston was absent. Michael Gosnell, the Club Manager also attended. RDBC member, Sherry Marks, attended as a guest.

Board Members took time to thank Addie Mattox for her years serving RDBC as Vice President and Membership Chair. At the same time, Bob Elgie was welcomed as a new Board member.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes for both the General and Executive meetings for November 2, 2015.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): Jean reported that RDBC is in excellent financial shape. The YTD profits are nearly \$14,000 due to unanticipated revenues that include nearly \$4000 in profit from the educational program and the accelerated collection of the 2016 dues.

Replacement reserves are about \$12,000. Michael will report next month on the estimated cost of major equipment replacement (e.g. dealing machine), should that ever be necessary.

A motion was made and passed to approve the November 2, 2015, financial reports.

Membership Report (Addie Mattox, Barbara V. Smith, Bob Elgie): We discussed the following 3 membership topics:

- **RDBC Membership:** YTD 2015 Membership is 402, which is an increase of about 90 members since May 4, 2015. As of today, about 260-275 members have paid their 2016 dues. To encourage members to pay 2016 dues now, the following motion was made and passed: Effective January 10, 2016, any current members who have not paid their 2016 dues will be charged non-resident table fees. Michael will tell the directors to announce the decision at games starting tomorrow.
- **Membership Database:** Barbara V. Smith reported on the major efforts undertaken by Dori to update and correct the RDBC membership database. 2016 registration forms are providing the accurate information.
- **2016 Directory:** Addie listed a number of tasks to prepare the 2016 RDBC directory. She will introduce Bob Elgie to the Rossmoor Realty contacts who help publish the directory. Mary will handoff the official room reservation paperwork to Bob Elgie. Michael will review the 2016 Calendar of Events for accuracy. And Mary will provide an electronic version of the new By-Laws when they are approved at the December 14 meeting.

Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess): Hospitality for the December 14 annual meeting is under control. Lunch will start about 11:30 a.m. The annual meeting will begin no later than 12:15 p.m.

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Publicity/Sunshine Report (Kit Miller): Board members recognized Kit's efforts this year in advertising RDBC via the many Rossmoor News articles and other venues. Kit will publish an article this month about the change in the birthday free-play policy. (Board members agreed that cake will not be part of the January and July birthday celebrations as originally discussed.) The 2016 Birthday Games will be on January 11 and July 12.

Board members supported Kit's recommendation to NOT publish pictures and articles for Swiss Team players with high scoring games. The Board also discussed recent RDBC Rossmoor News articles that were published without Kit's knowledge. A motion was made and passed to have all RDBC publicity filtered via Kit. Michael will tell the directors.

Club Manager (Michael Gosnell): We reviewed action items and discussed the following:

- **November 14 Swiss Teams** - The game ran more smoothly than the July 11 game. However, we need to train more directors and make other adjustments. Michael will direct the next game along with directors in training. We will also have a Caddy. Experience indicates that section C requires more attention until players are trained in the scoring and movement.
- **Oak Room Table Configuration** - Michael and Board members agree that it would be better to have more space between tables in the Oak Room. Apparently we have moved tables in the past but they always get put back into place by the janitors. Michael will contact the Rossmoor Recreation Director to ask for a different table set-up for games. He suggested we eliminate a row of tables and chairs. Kit suggested we use the tables close to the windows which will provide more light.

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

- **Proposed Amended By-Laws** - The comment period ended September 30th. Mary revised the by-laws based on feedback and posted and communicated changes. The last step is to have members approved the changes at the December 14, 2015, meeting.
- **2016 Sectional** - Jacie Zayac will Chair the 2016 Sectional here in Rossmoor. She will work with Kit, Jean, Addie, and Earl.
- **New Business (Earl Reeve):** We reviewed the 12/14/2015 Annual meeting agenda topics. The meeting will start no later than 12:15 p.m.

The general meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. for an Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neff.
Secretary, RDBC