

**ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting**  
**January 4, 2016**

Earl Reeve called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Gateway Multipurpose Room #1.

**Attendees:** Board members in attendance were Jean Autrey, Bobbie Burgess, Bob Elgie, Sherry Marks, Kit Miller, and Earl Reeve. Barbara V. Smith, Marj Livingston and Mary Neff were absent. Michael Gosnell, the Club Manager also attended.

**Approve Minutes:** A motion was made and passed to approve the December 7, 2015 General and Executive minutes. A motion was also made and passed to approve the December 14, 2015 Minutes. (The purpose of the December 14 meeting was to elect 2016 RDBC officers.)

**Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey):** Jean reported that RDBC is in excellent financial shape. The 2015 net profit is \$6,342. The bank balance went up \$5,167 more than budgeted. A motion was made and passed to approve the year-end financial reports.

**Membership Report (Bob Elgie):** We discussed the following 3 topics:

- **RDBC Membership:** As of today, 288 members have paid their 2016 dues, with 113 unpaid. The motion passed at the December meeting to charge guest fees to unpaid 2015 members effective January 10, 2016 was amended. The new date to charge guest fees is now January 15, 2016. Michael will inform the directors and announcements will be made at the beginning of each game. The amended motion was seconded and approved.
- **2016 Directory:** Bob has been in contact with the Rossmoor Realty who help to publish the directory. He reported that the 2016 directory should include entry numbers. There was brief discussion about updating club rules, eligibility and inclusion of Friday games.
- **Classes:** Bobbie Burgess asked if there are beginner classes. Michael said that Bridge Basics I and II are offered now. A beginner class will be offered later in the year.

**Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess):** Bobbie said that plans for the January 17 Unit game are in place and she anticipates no problems. Michael mentioned that the Unit provides RDBC \$12.00 per table up to a maximum of \$180.00. RDBC also contributes to the hospitality budget.

**Publicity (Kit Miller):**

- Kit mentioned the articles published in December. She also brought up the upcoming February 6 ACBL International Tournament and the fund-raising game to support those entering. There will be a cost increase, amount unknown at this time. "This is new one for us."
- Kit also brought up the problem of new players who are learning how to play bridge and not being made aware of the rules and etiquette that go along with the game. Various suggestions were mentioned, one being a tip-of-the-month card being placed on the bulletin board. Kit will post the tip on the bulletin board.

**Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell):** We reviewed Action Items with the following results:

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- We are agreeable to sharing a dealing machine with DVBC during the time either club has its own machine being repaired.
- Michael not sure what the Rossmoor Recreation Dept. is willing to do about eliminating a row of tables and chairs to allow us more room. A suggestion was made about spreading them more equally. It was suggested that he contact the Recreation Director to pursue making the change.
- Michael has told and will tell the directors again that Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> is the effective date as to when members, who have yet to pay their annual dues, will be charged guest fees instead of resident fees for table play.

**Old Business. (Earl Reeve)** - The **Fall Sectional** is scheduled for Saturday/Sunday, Oct. 29 & 30, in Rossmoor's Event Center.

**New Business (Earl Reeve)** - We discussed the following 2 items:

**Request to Use Oak Room:** We reviewed two requests from non-residents to use the Oak Room for bridge events. Both requests were made in anticipation of DVBC's lease expiration in Spring 2016. The first was a request to hold an open Saturday game for 0-99er's. The second was a request from the Unit #499 Board to host a Unit game and their holiday party on Sunday, December 18, 2016.

Prior to today's meeting, Board members reviewed GRF policies 304.0 and 304.1 which cover Guest Usage of GRF Facilities. Board members felt that hosting a 0-99 game open to the public is a violation of policy since a Rossmoor Club has already requested use of the Oak Room on Saturday mornings should it become available. The request to host the Unit #499 holiday party on Sunday, December 18 was also denied. RDBC does not have Oak Room reservations for Sunday, December 18. And the event would be a Unit game which would require making changes to the RDBC Unit game calendar.

Earl will send an email to the requestors informing them of the decisions.

**Member Request:** A member has requested that more **double-sided score sheets be made available**. Michael said that occasionally there was a problem with the Florida supplier. The scoresheets will be provided if we can get them. Michael said to refer the member to him.

The general meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM for an Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Marks, Secretary Pro Tem, RDBC

Mary Neff, Secretary, RDBC