

**ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting**  
**February 1, 2016**

Earl Reeve called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. in the Gateway Multipurpose Room #1.

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

**Approve Minutes:** A motion was made and passed to approve the January 4,2016 General and Executive minutes. A motion was also made and passed to approve the January 11,2016 special Executive meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey):** Jean presented a proposed 2016 RDBC budget. She reviewed the various assumptions such as: classes will not generate any income; membership will be 390; and, we will give free plays in December. All agreed the assumptions are very conservative. We discussed the very recent ACBL table-fee increases and determined their impact is unknown at this time. Given the budget assumptions a loss of \$3400 is projected. Attendees felt the loss can be tolerated given the RDBC bank balance. A motion was made and passed to approve the 2016 budget.

Earl asked Jean to revise how RDBC accounts for annual membership dues. She agreed to make the change and set up a 2017 pre-paid account and a balance sheet.

Lastly, we reviewed and approved the January 2016 Financial report.

**Membership Report (Bob Elgie):** 320 members have joined RDBC to date. Lou, at Rossmoor Realty has a copy of the draft 2016 Directory. The two birthday free play dates in January and July will be added to the directory.

**Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess):** Everyone thanked Bobbie for her hospitality efforts at the January 17 Unit game. The next Unit game, which is March 6, is special in that it is also the Unit #499 annual meeting. The Unit has increased their refreshment contribution to \$300 to accommodate increased attendance. RDBC will also contribute. Bobbie will factor the increased budget and forecast of attendees into her plan when she shops for refreshments.

**Publicity (Kit Miller):** Several articles have appeared in the Rossmoor News. Kit agreed to submit articles about the recent ACBL change to STAC games for invitational clubs. Kit also described the effort required to complete class registration. At this time, the group was unable to suggest less labor-intensive processes.

**Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell):** Michael reviewed action items and discussed the following:

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- Attendance at 2016 RDBC games is growing. In 2015, the average table count for Monday was 24.7 and Tuesday was 21.3. In 2016 Mondays are about 28 tables and Tuesdays about 25. Michael proposed that we make extra sets of boards to avoid turning players away from games. A motion was made and passed to spend an additional \$20/week to make more sets of boards. If attendance decreases in Spring we will make necessary adjustments.
- The ACBL recently changed the rules on who can attend STAC games at invitational clubs. All RDBC games are invitational except Thursday evening. As a result of the new rule, attendance at RDBC STAC games will now mirror the attendance at regular games. The next STAC week is May 2-7. Announcements will be made to players and directors so they understand the new rule.

**Old Business (Earl Reeve)** - No updates on the Fall Sectional scheduled for Oct. 29 & 30 in Rossmoor's Event Center.

**New Business (Earl Reeve)** - The Zero Tolerance subcommittee (Bob, Kit, Jean, Barbara and Michael) presented their proposed ZT policy changes. The updated policy will appear in the 2016 RDBC Directory. Much of the new language is directly from the ACBL website on Zero Tolerance.

The subcommittee also presented a draft of ZT procedures to be reviewed at the March Board meeting. The intent of the procedures is: (1) to clearly document how RDBC Zero Tolerance violations will be reported and reviewed; and, (2) to establish penalties for specific violations.

Additionally, Board Members were asked to review the ACBL's "Club Discipline Regulations" which are on their website. The document describes ZT policy, procedures, enforcement, and the roles and responsibilities of the Club, the Unit and the ACBL Club Membership Department.

The general meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. for an Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Neff,*  
Secretary, RDBC