

**ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting**  
**March 7, 2016**

Earl Reeve called the meeting to order at 4:10 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 and Barbara V. Smith. Michael Gosnell, the Club Manager also attended.

**Approve Minutes:** A motion was made and passed to approve the February 1,2016 General and Executive minutes.

**Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey):** Jean presented the February Financial report. In spite of the unusually high educational expense of \$930 in February, net profit was \$549. 2016 table counts continue to be very high. The net profit year-to-date is \$3,342. A motion was made and passed to approve the February 2016 Financial report.

**Membership Report (Bob Elgie):** 320 RDBC members are listed in the 2016 Directory which is being distributed now. Since publication about 15 more members have joined. Bob's proposal to present Lori Landgraf of Rossmoor Realty with a thank-you gift for helping to publish the directory was approved. Jean will purchase the \$200 gift card. Bob will personally deliver the gift card and a thank-you note to Lori.

**Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess):** Board members thanked Bobbie and her team for the excellent spread on March 6 which was both a unit game and the annual meeting for the Unit. Attendance at unit games is always hard to forecast. Fortunately, hospitality assumed this game would be well attended and the team provided enough food. (We had 33 tables.) The Unit provided \$300 toward refreshments. RDBC paid \$180. Board members agreed we should continue to assume high turnout for the March unit game and consider the following changes to insure an even bigger success:

- Hire two directors instead of one.
- Insure volunteers help the hospitality team the day of the event. There is a great deal of lifting to move the food from stores to cars to the Oak Room refrigerator and eventually to the tables.
- Offer to reimburse "food" contributors for their home-made goodies. They add variety to the menu.
- Include statements in the game announcements about arriving early. Maximum attendance will be 40 tables. Early arrival will help the directors set the game up without needing to make last minute table changes.

**Publicity (Kit Miller):** Kit has been very busy publishing RDBC articles. She is publishing pictures and names of the recent Ace of Clubs winners in the Rossmoor News plus an article about Donna Barker

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becoming a Ruby Life Master. The April Swiss Team game and the upcoming April classes will be communicated in the various venues.

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

- **Adjustment to Number of Boards** - Last month's decision to prepare extra boards to accommodate increased attendance at the Monday and Tuesday games was a good decision. Michael recommended, based on current attendance, that we start making extra boards for Saturday games and no longer make extra boards for Tuesday's game. The Board endorsed the recommendation.
- **Retire Metal Boards** - A proposal was made and endorsed to replace all the metal boards with plastic boards. Michael will purchase 3 sets of plastic boards and retire the remaining metal boards.
- **Database Update** - The new ACBLscore Version 8.01 was downloaded and installed. In the process the RDBC database was completely recovered to it's 2010 status.
- **Backup Antenna** - Michael will purchase a backup antenna for the bridge pads.
- **Expenditure Authority** - A motion was made and passed to give the Club Manager expenditure authority up to \$250.
- **Educational Program** - Pat and Kathleen will team teach Bridge Basic I starting April 11. Michael will teach Declarer Play beginning April 12. Marvin Suchman will teach "Principles of Winning Bridge" in the May/June timeframe. Priority registration and reduced tuition will be given to RDBC members for all classes. Class size is limited to a maximum of 7 tables. Barbara V. Smith will be the registrar.

**Old Business (Earl Reeve)** - The following 4 items were discussed:

- **Fall Sectional** - Jackie Zayac is the Unit 499 Sectional Chair. She will organize a meeting with the RDBC subcommittee sometime after the Reno Nationals to begin the planning.
- **Rossmoor Games** - Kit Miller proposed that RDBC participate in the 2016 Rossmoor games. RDBC game- days will be on Monday September 5 and 12. This year there will be an evening party in the Event Center instead of a lunch. The Board unanimously endorsed Kit's proposal. She will be the liaison to the Games Committee.
- **Get Together** - Kit reported on her research regarding a venue to host a RDBC Director get together with Board Members. Several alternatives were discussed. Board members will gather more data and discuss further next month.
- **Zero Tolerance Subcommittee Report** - The Subcommittee presented their recommended revisions to the current ZT policy. The updated policy incorporates new ACBL procedures and stresses that there is no zero tolerance infraction if the director is not involved. It also empowers

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the RDBC Club Manager to resolve complaints and enforce the policy quickly rather than waiting until the next Board meeting. The subcommittee agreed to make a few revisions based on Board feedback. Mary and Marj will design a template letter that includes the ACBL required information including the appeal process. Michael will provide the contact information for the ACBL Club Department. The ZT discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**New Business (Earl Reeve)** - In a recent email, the Unit Board asked if RDBC would be interested in hosting the 2017 Spring and Fall Sectionals in the Event Center. The dates would be April 29-30 and September 30 and October 1. Earl did confirm with Recreation Supervisor Kelly Burton that 2017 GRF room reservations will begin this September. After discussion, the Board decided to do the following: Tell the Unit Board that we will ask for the 2017 room reservations for both the Spring and Fall Sectionals. We will also request permission from the GRF to hold the 2017 events. But the final commitment will be subject to a successful 2016 Fall Sectional this October. The Unit should have a plan B in case the Event Center is not a viable option in 2017.

The next RDBC Board meeting is Monday, April 4, 2016.

The general meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. for an Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Neff,*  
Secretary, RDBC