

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting
April 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, 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 March 7,2016 General and Executive minutes.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): Jean presented the Mach Financial report. Year-To-Date profits are \$1,979 which excludes the \$300 Unit game reimbursement from Unit #499. A motion was made and passed to approve the March 2016 Financial report.

Membership Report (Bob Elgie): RDBC membership is about 340, an increase of 20 since the directory was published. Bob reported that he delivered the thank-you gift to Lori Landgraf of Rossmoor Realty for her effort publishing the 2016 RDBC directory. Bob and Barbara V. Smith are tracking the names of new members and will publish their contact information mid-July.

Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess): Bobbie is prepared to do the hospitality for the next Unit game on Sunday, June 26th. The hospitality budget is about \$300.

Publicity (Kit Miller): Kit continues to publish RDBC articles. In a recent Rossmoor News issue RDBC articles took up an entire page! Kit is also in contact with coordinators of the Rossmoor Games. RDBC will participate in the event during two Monday games.

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

- **Swiss Team Game** - We had 19 tables at the April 2nd game. Feedback indicated the games went better than prior Swiss Team events. Lessons learned April 2nd included:
(1) Assign two directors and Dori to insure coverage to help with movement and scoring;
(2) Require players to sign up in advance of the game; (3) Enter player names in the ACBL database well before game starts to expedite setup and table/stratification assignments; and, (3) Encourage directors to assign no-plays and take actions if players fall behind.
- **July 9 Game Change** - Michael recommended and Board members approved a change in the scheduled July 9th game. Instead of holding a Swiss Team event we will have a Board-A-Match Team game. Kit will publish articles announcing the change a few weeks before July 9th. Michael will remind directors to announce the change prior to the game. He will also change the RDBC Website to reflect the schedule change.

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- **Succession Planning** - Michael informed the Board of a need to look for back-up support for key people. He will present alternatives at the next meeting.
- **Printer Supply Issue** - A printer toner cartridge was inadvertently left out and then put in the garbage by the janitorial staff.

Old Business (Earl Reeve) - The following 3 items were discussed:

- **Fall Sectional** - Michael Gosnell will replace Kit Miller on the RDBC subcommittee. Mary will email Jackie Zayac about the change.
- **Get Together** - The discussion of hosting an RDBC Director get together with Board Members was postponed until June.
- **Zero Tolerance Subcommittee Report** - A motion was made and passed to approve the revised RDBC Zero tolerance procedures. Additionally, the standard letter template which follows ACBL requirements for barring players was approved.

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

- **Junior Players Table Fees** - Michael Gosnell recommended and Board Members unanimously approved the following: Any players under 25 years old will play for free in RDBC games. Bob E. will note the change for the 2017 directory. Michael will inform the directors.
- **RDBC Member Request** - We reviewed a member's request to change the Monday "B" section game limits from 0-299 to 0-499. A couple of years ago, the Monday game was organized as such. The change was made to balance the two sections. Michael is going to review Monday attendance data. He will determine the likely consequence if the change is made and make a recommendation at the May Board meeting.
- **Nominating Committee** - In anticipation of upcoming vacancies on the board, Earl asked for volunteers to serve on a nominating committee. (Three positions expire December 2016.) Bob Elgie and Michael Gosnell volunteered. The topic will be discussed further in May including creating a list of the needed skills and responsibilities of board members.

The next RDBC Board meeting is Monday, May 2, 2016. Earl will be away so Jean will facilitate the meeting. Earl will prepare the agenda.

The general meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neff,
Secretary, RDBC