

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting
September 6, 2016

Earl Reeve called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. in the Bunker Room at Creekside.

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

Approve Minutes: A motion was made and passed to approve both the General and Executive Minutes of August 1, 2016.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): Jean presented the July and August Financial reports. Profits as of August 31, 2016 are \$4,627. Cash in the bank is \$28,491 and the reserve fund balance is \$12,051.

Motions were made and passed to approve the July and August financial reports.

Membership Report (Bob Elgie): RDBC membership as of today is 386. Collection of 2017 RDBC dues is underway. The early collection start date will accommodate players who leave Rossmoor for the winter months.

Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess): The hospitality budget for the Sunday, September 18 Unit game is about \$250. Unit 499 provides \$12/table with a maximum of \$180. Bobbie and Angie will organize the refreshments.

Publicity (Kit Miller): Several articles appeared in the recent eDeclarer and Rossmoor News. The topics covered included descriptions of upcoming RDBC classes, the September 18 Unit game, Club Championship week, the 9/7 IMP scoring game, and the Rossmoor games. Kit also published the new RDBC policy, which states that players must be present five minutes prior to a scheduled game.

Kit posted a new Etiquette Tip of the Month on the bulletin board.

Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell): We reviewed the action items and discussed the following 4 topics:

- **Sale of 2 Used Computers** - A motion was made and passed to sell 2 used RDBC computers. The newer computer will be sold for \$150 and the other for \$100. Michael is authorized to buy a new and faster computer (for no more than \$1000) to accommodate new ACBL software.

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- **Five Minute Policy** - Michael emphasized the Director's discretion phrase in the new policy. He explained that in some cases, allowing a late arrival to play may prevent a need for a sit-out. Other times, it may create a sit-out.
- **Education Program** -
 - Barbara Smith reported that 24 students are now enrolled in Marvin's upcoming class, which is limited to 28 students. She also indicated that the Bridge Basic 3 class has two people new to RDBC. We confirmed that their \$10 membership fee only covers 2016.
 - Kit suggested that class curriculum include bridge etiquette. Board members concurred. Kit has already talked to Marvin Suchman. He has agreed to include the topic in his upcoming Principles of Winning Bridge class. Suggestions were made to include some etiquette topics in the beginner classes as well. Michael will mention the suggestion to Pat Taylor and Kathleen Young who teach the beginner classes.
 - Kit created a form for instructors to complete prior to scheduling a class. The completed form should be submitted at least 1 month before the class starts. The administrative steps like publicity, registration, and accounting will run more smoothly if the information is collected in advance of the class.
- **Noise** - The noise level during games has increased and caused complaints. Michael will talk to Directors. We had a suggestion to provide whistles to directors to help quiet the room.

Old Business (Earl Reeve) - Earl covered the following 2 topics:

- **2016 Fall Sectional October 29 and 30** - After reviewing the Fall Sectional flyer, a motion was made and passed to approve it.
- **2017 Room Reservations:** Earl will meet with Sara Runco, Rossmoor's Clubhouse Reservations Coordinator, on October 6 at 10:00 a.m. to reserve the Oak Room and Event Center for 2017. The need for the Event Center is to host the 2017 Unit #499 Spring and Fall Sectionals. The Unit made the request, but there is no commitment at this point. A decision will be made after evaluating the success of the 2016 Fall Sectional on October 29 and 30.

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

- **Dealing Machine** - RDBC's dealing machine was repaired but continues to have problems. We considered a recommendation to purchase 50% of a dealing machine that would be shared with Contra Costa Bridge Center (CCBC). Currently RDBC and CCBC have their own

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machines and a reciprocal agreement should one club's machine break. A machine costs about \$6000. The recommendation was rejected.

- **Food at Table** - Eating food, especially sticky food, while playing bridge is causing the cards to get sticky and dirty. And the dirty cards may be causing the dealing machine problems. We discussed alternatives ranging from banning some foods, banning all food at the table and/or providing sanitary hand wipes. No decision was reached. The topic will be discussed next month.

The general meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. for an executive session.

The next meeting is Monday, October 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neff,
Secretary, RDBC