

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting
October 10, 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 September 6, 2016.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): Jean presented the September financial reports. Profits as of September 30, 2016 are \$4,232. Cash in the bank is \$28,097 and the reserve fund balance is \$12,053.

A motion was made and passed to approve the September financial report.

Membership Report (Bob Elgie): To date, about 100 people have paid 2017 RDBC dues.

Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess): Hospitality for the Sunday, September 18 Unit game went well. There were not complaints!

Publicity (Kit Miller): Several articles appeared in the recent publications like eDeclarer and Rossmoor News. Kit is providing brief ACBL bridge etiquette rules to instructors to include as part of their class curriculum. Bruce Johnsonbaugh, a Unit #499 Board Member, suggested that we publish an article and pictures after the March 2017 Unit annual meeting in Rossmoor. The article will summarize recent studies suggesting that playing bridge is good for memory. Kit will pursue the idea next year. Mike Kruley, the Unit webmaster, requested copies of RDBC class announcements so that he can publish them on the website. Lastly, Bob Elgie agreed to include the new 5 Minute Rule in the 2017 RDBC directory.

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

- **Sale of 2 Used Computers** - The Board agreed to revise their September decision regarding the price of the 2 used computers. A motion was made to give the 4-year old computer away and to sell the newer used computer for \$100. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Staff Party** - Michael and his staff will have a potluck at a to be announced staff member's home. A motion was made and passed unanimously to donate \$100 toward the food.
- **Education Program** - Three items were discussed:

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1. Marvin Suchman is adding a 7th session to his current class. The room is available so it should not be a problem.
 2. Pat Taylor will be holding a beginning Swiss Team game at her Friday game. Michael is going to help with the event.
 3. Pat Taylor suggested a once-a-year birthday free play for her Friday class. Instead, Jean Autrey motioned to hold two free-play birthday weeks instead of the current two days which are on Mondays in January and July. The motion was seconded and passed. Starting in 2017, the second week of January and July will be BIRTHDAY free-play weeks for RDBC members. These dates will replace the current listing in the RDBC Directory.
- **Noise** - Complaints about the noise level during games is persistent. Michael and the other directors will continue to make announcements at the games. It will take time to train players.

Old Business (Earl Reeve) - Earl covered the following 3 topics:

- **2016 Fall Sectional October 29 and 30** - Jackie Zayac will provide a sketch of the Event Center room setup to recreation. Directors will announce that there will be no RDBC game in the Oakroom on Saturday, October 29. They will also announce that any RDBC members who play in the Sectional will receive one \$3 free-play for each day that they play (maximum per person is 2 free plays). The free-play may be used at an RDBC game.
- **2017 Room Reservations:** Earl met with Sara Runco, Rossmoor's Clubhouse Reservations Coordinator to reserve rooms for 2017. We reviewed the outcome and identified a few changes to be made. They include: (1) increasing the Friday morning time thirty minutes to 9-11:30 a.m. which Pat Taylor will do; and, (2) releasing the 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday morning reservation which Earl will do. The RDBC Saturday reservation will be from 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.. Earl also has a few details to work out with the Unit regarding Sunday Unit games and the Unit's annual meeting date. We agreed that the keeper of the room reservation paperwork should be the Membership Chair since they are responsible for noting the various dates in the directory.

A lesson learned in this process is NEVER CANCEL A ROOM RESERVATION. If you do, you lose the next year's reservation. The example was that Mary rescheduled the October board meeting from October 3 to October 10 and, at the same time, told Sara we would not need the room on the third. So now, we will have the 2017 October Board meeting in the Bunker room since we lost the Multipurpose Room for that date!

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Earl reported that he was unable to reserve dates for the Spring or Fall sectionals. He will let Anne Hollingsworth know

- **Food at Table** - Dori reported to Michael that the sticky card situation is “not as bad”. A few RDBC members have asked, “why don’t we serve more food at our games.” Michael mentioned that most clubs serve more food than RDBC. We agreed to continue providing food at games.

New Business (Earl Reeve) - None this month.

The general meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. for an executive session.

The next meeting is Monday, November 7, 2016. Earl will be out of town so Jean Autrey will facilitate the meeting. Mary also mentioned that she will be on a trip and will miss the December 6 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neff,
Secretary, RDBC