

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

Jean Autrey called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. in 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 Barbara V. Smith. Earl Reeve was absent. Michael Gosnell, the Club Manager also attended.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made and passed to approve both the General and Executive Minutes of October 10, 2016.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): Jean presented the October financial report. Profits as of October 31, 2016 are \$4,336. Profits will decrease some in December when class instructors are compensated. A motion was made and passed to approve the October financial report.

Based on the excellent RDBC financial position, Jean made a motion to offer **reduced table fees for December except during STAC week (Dec. 5-10)**. RDBC members will play for free. Guests will pay \$5 instead of \$7 except at the Friday game where guests will pay \$3 instead of the normal \$5 rate for the Friday game. The motion passed unanimously. Kit will publish the information.

Membership Report (Bob Elgie): To date, about 139 people have paid 2017 RDBC dues. RDBC averages about 350-400 members. For the next several weeks members will be encouraged to pay 2017 dues (\$10). Kit will publish an article and directors will make announcements at games. As a reminder, we reviewed the RDBC Club Rules on page 6 of the Directory which state that new members joining after October 31 will have their dues apply to the remainder of the current year plus the following year.

Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess): The annual meeting and lunch is Monday, December 12. Bobbie and Angie have planned a special holiday lunch. The budget is about \$500.

Publicity (Kit Miller): Kit continues to publish RDBC announcements in eDeclarer and Rossmoor News. She is also posting the "Tip of the Month" on the Oak Room bulletin board.

Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell): We reviewed the action items and discussed the following 5 topics:

- **2017 Education Program** - Two items were discussed:
 1. Two classes will start in January. Pat Taylor will teach Beginning Bridge and Ravi Bhalla will cover more advanced bridge concepts. Both instructors should describe the course details (on the special form) and submit it to Kit before the end of November.
 2. Michael will work with instructors to develop a tentative schedule of 2017 classes. The schedule will be reviewed at the December Board Meeting.

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- **2017 Special Games** - Michael will submit a recommended 2017 list of RDBC special games. The list will be included in the 2017 RDBC Directory. Michael indicated that RDBC will not hold a World-Wide Pairs game. We suggested that RDBC might embrace ACBL's effort to support Alzheimer's by sponsoring a special game.
- **November 24 Game** - The Friday, Nov. 24 game will likely be cancelled due to lack of interest (day after Thanksgiving). Michael will email a recommendation to the Board after he talks to Pat Taylor.
- **Friday before Bazaars** - Rossmoor's Recreation department said that they need the Oak Room the Friday before each Bazaar date. We asked if this might be negotiable. Do they need the room for the entire day? In the past, they were able to do the room setup after hours. Earl will follow up with Recreation to see if RDBC may use the room until 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. That allows the afternoon for set up of the Bazaar.
- **Bridge Scholarship** - Michael briefly discussed the merits of awarding a Bridge Scholarship to one or two high school students. He suggested it was a way to support the youth bridge program. Their was a lukewarm response from the Board. A suggestion was made to approach the Rossmoor Scholarship Club with the request. The topic will likely be discussed in more detail at a future RDBC Board meeting.
- **Old Business (Jean Autrey)** - We discussed the Fall Sectional at the Event Center and defined the following process for awarding free plays to RDBC members:
 1. Players receive 1 free play worth \$3 for each day they played (maximum of 2 free plays)
 2. The Unit will email Bob Elgie an electronic list of RDBC members who participated. He and Dori will confirm the list is correct.
 3. Michael will create a special form for Sectional Free Plays. They can be redeemed at regular games. They may not be used for special games (e.g. STAC week).
 4. When the free plays are distributed to members, their name will be crossed of the master list.
 5. The free play forms will indicate a time period that they may be used.
 6. The process will be implemented in early November.

New Business (Jean Autrey) - None this month.

The general meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. for an Executive session.

The next meeting is Monday, December 5, 2016. Mary will be out of town.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neff,
RDBC Secretary