

**ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting**  
**February 6, 2017**

The President being absent, **Vice President, Bob Elgie**, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. in the Oak room at Gateway.

**Attendance:** Other board members in attendance were Jean Autrey, Barbara Fendel, Marj Livingston, Sherry Marks, Kit Miller, Barbara Smith and Michael Gosnell, Club manager. Earl Reeve and Bobbie Burgess were absent. Also present was Kelly Berto from Rossmoor Administration.

**Speaker: Kelly Berto.** Kit introduced Kelly saying that she was here at our request to discuss aspects of Grant Robinson's request that RDBC sponsor a Monday night class at Rossmoor. This class would be open to both Rossmoor residents and a certain number of bridge players from the outside. Kelly said that the recreation department was not in favor of providing a room for a class made up primarily of outsiders.

Kelly outlined some of the restrictions that the Administration would make: no outside advertising and the RDBC must be an active participant and is ultimately responsible for the class. The classes cannot be used for commercial gain. The RDBC would be responsible for setting prices and collecting fees and would, in turn, pay Grant a sum that would be in line with our other instructors.

Kelly was also asked about our ability to again sponsor a function like last October's **Fall Sectional**. This would involve having a room available for both Saturday and Sunday, with adequate parking. Kelly complemented us on the Fall Sectional and said that rooms for 2017 were already booked for other events. She said that bookings for 2018 events start in August 2017, and again, RDBC would have to be actively involved in every aspect.

After Kelly left, there was a brief discussion. We voted to approach Grant with a proposal and Bob asked Jean to prepare one. Possible conditions included:

- two month class length.
- intermediate level of playing ability.
- possible cost of \$40 for 8 weeks for Rossmoor residents, (\$80 for non-residents.)
- whether to allow 'drop-ins' which might involve regular supervision of fee collection.
- establishing a trial basis.

It was felt that there should be at least two RDBC members to closely monitor the class, especially if we need to collect money for drop-ins.

**Bob Elgie** said that he would send Grant an email, will book the room for Mondays and will talk to Regina Hartwig about the number of tables needed.

**Approve Minutes:** A motion was made and passed to approve the corrected January minutes.

**Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey):** Jean reported that that the net profit for January, \$4,168, was misleading, as she had received the total income from Ravi's class, but had not yet paid all the related expenses. Cash in the bank is \$23,228 and the reserve fund is \$12,056. A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

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**Membership Report (Bob Elgie):** Bob handed out copies of a graph comparing the year 2016 membership with the first two months of 2017. January (280 >> 282), February (288 >> 308). He mentioned that there were five outside-Rossmoor students in Ravi's current class, *My No Trump World*.

The **RDBC directory** has gone to the printer. Once again Rossmoor Realty's Lou Landgraf has done an excellent job for us. He proposed raising the amount given her, \$250.00, on a gift card.

He said that the **2017 schedule is on the website**. He has also received some ideas for restructuring the Nominating Committee for next year.

**Publicity (Kit Miller):** Kit passed around a lovely thank you card from Sharon Tarpinian. She said that there have been articles about classes and photos of our more successful players in the Rossmoor News.

**Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess):** No report.

**Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell):**

1. The computer still isn't working as well as it should be.
2. The directors are all doing well. He's heard nothing more from Jay about his schedule. Barbara Fendel has said that her husband, Josh, would be willing to help out occasionally.
3. Grant Robinson is still interested in offering a Monday class at Rossmoor.
4. Michael has dealt with the excessive noise on Mondays and Tuesdays.

**Old Business:** Cancellation of meeting and rebooking: When a meeting is cancelled, be sure that it is canceled just for that date, not the entire year.

**New Business:** None

The general meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Marks, RDBC secretary