

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting
August 7, 2017

President, Earl Reeve, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Oak room at Gateway.

Attendance: Other board members in attendance were Jean Autrey, Bobbie Burgess, Bob Elgie, Barbara Fendel, Marj Livingston, Sherry Marks, Kit Miller, Barbara Smith and Club Manager, Michael Gosnell.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made and passed to approve the amended June minutes. There was no board meeting in July 2017.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): Jean stated that we have about \$41,000 in the bank and have shown a recent profit of \$9,900. She said that these figures were a bit misleading because we still have expenses to pay during the rest of the year for which she's already collected funds.

There was a discussion about how best to reduce the bank amount. Part of the reserve is to offset payment for new equipment. It was decided that we should offer free play to membership only during the months of September and December. Guest fees and member fees for Unit games and STAC week would remain the same.

Kit suggested that the board meeting make a donation to the Rossmoor Fund. There was some discussion but no motion was made and no vote taken.

Membership Report (Bob Elgie): Bob reported that membership was down this year, from 384 for 2016 to 383 in 2017.

Publicity (Kit Miller): Kit said that there had been a couple of 70% games scored by the Friday morning players. She is continuing to post Tip of the Month on the bulletin board and hopes that the membership reads it.

Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess): Bobbie was grateful for the Unit help with refreshments for the Unit Game held here at Rossmoor, Sunday, June 25th. The pizza was well-received.

She asked for help, especially with the set up of tables prior to the Unit Game of Sunday, Sept. 17. Several board members responded. It was also thought to ask the membership if there was anyone willing to help.

Revised Nomination Procedure: (Bob Elgie): Bob reviewed what he and his committee are proposing. He is especially concerned about:

- How to involve the wider club membership in the process of selecting proposed candidates rather than have the process dominated by the current board.
- How to encourage and then handle additional nomination from the floor at the annual meeting. We need to be prepared to handle floor nominations formally.

He envisions a three-member nominating committee with the chairman coming from the current board. There should be emphasis on at least one member being from the established section of the membership and one member representing the newer members. He asked that board members give him names of possible candidates for the committee.

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There are three members of the board whose terms will be completed in December 2017: Bobbie, Earl and Bob. In addition, Marj is moving.

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

1. The working bridge pads are down to ten. Ordering new bridge pads would cost \$120 each, plus shipping and taxes. A motion was made to authorize Michael to buy new equipment. Motion passed. Earl stated that he would contact Jackie Zayac to see if the unit would share in the cost as they have done previously.

2. A new STAC week is coming up, Aug. 14-19. There was a discussion about guest fees and which days guests allowed to play in Rossmoor. Michael reminded us that we are an "invitational" club, not an "open" one.

Old Business: Earl brought up the issue of increased noise during play on Monday games. Michael will remind the directors to ask for quiet, also to circulate around the room.

The issue of cell phones not being turned off was mentioned. The board declined to penalize. Directors will be asked to remind players.

New Business: Jackie Zayac of Unit 499 has asked us to hold a Sectional April 28-29. Earl will check as to room availability. Also, he and Bob will make room reservations with Sara Runco on Wed. Aug. 23.

Barbara Fendel read a letter from a member asking that the 300 master point limit be changed to 500 on the Monday afternoon game, Barbara referred the member to Bob who explained that the board had discussed and decided this issue a year ago. Bob said that the member understood.

The next meeting, scheduled for Monday, Sept. 4 which is a holiday, is canceled. Should we decide a meeting is necessary, we may meet a week later, Monday, Sept. 11, as our regular meeting room is booked by another group for the second Monday of the month.

The general meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Marks,
RDBC secretary