

**ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting**  
**October 9, 2017**

**Vice President, Bob Elgie**, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Oak room at Gateway. The regular meeting was changed to accommodate board members who had schedule conflicts.

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

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

**Approve New Board Member:** Bob reported that the email poll on acceptance of Albert Chu to replace Marj Livingston was unanimous in favor of such action. He asked that we verify this by a voice vote. Done. Welcome, Albert!

One of Marj Livingston's duties to write the warning letters to members committing Zero Tolerance infractions. Sherry said that she felt this fell under secretarial duties. Michael asked her to submit a draft of such a letter.

**Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey):** Jean said that the income and expenses for the month were in line with what was expected. The table count is positive with Tuesdays often showing more players than Monday's game.

**Membership Report (Bob Elgie):** Bob mentioned that we have 388 members. Barbara Smith said that that she is already collecting dues for 2018. She asked for a clear definition of policy regarding new members who join late in the year as to whether they owe for two separate years. After discussion it was decided that new members joining from October 1 through December 31 did not have to pay for 2017 separately. Their dues payment would be for one year only which would include the remainder of 2017 and the year 2018.

**Publicity (Kit Miller):** Kit said that there have been some 70% games scored. The Tip-of-the-Month is posted. She also asked that any of the Rossmoor teachers wishing to hold classes notify her as soon as they can.

**Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess):** Bobbie said that there was nothing to do right now, but she was thinking about the menu for the Monday, December 11, Annual Meeting, Luncheon and Election.

**Nomination Committee: (Barbara Fendel):** Barbara announced that there were six names that had been brought to the committee's attention. All were very qualified to be included. Bob said that by next month we will be posting a slate to be voted on by the membership in December. The three members of the board whose terms will be completed in December 2017 are: Bobbie, Earl and Bob.

Board members are elected for three-year terms. Every year, three members of the board of directors retire. Due to retire in December 2018 are Sherry Marks, Barbara V. Smith and Albert Chu (who just assumed Marj Livingston's position). Slated for retirement in December 2019 are Jean A Autrey, Kit Miller and Barbara Fendel.

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**Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell):** Michael said that the Rossmoor Swiss Teams game scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11 conflicts with a two-day Sectional scheduled for Nov. 11-12. The board agreed to move the **Swiss Teams game to Saturday, Nov. 18, 12:30 PM.**

Michael said that the members appreciate the new boards and cards. The staff reports that the new machines are working well.

**Old Business:** Bob mentioned that we are still unable to reserve facilities for the Unit Sectional for April 28-29., 2018. There are two outside groups sponsored by Rossmoor residents that have indicated interest in at least one of the two days. Bob will stay on top of this.

**New Business:** Jack Nold is resigning as job as **Rossmoor News contact person.** Sue Eastman has indicated a willingness to provide the News with regular daily results of bridge games. It is our policy to provide her with one free game per week for doing this for us.

A member has asked if she may bring a dog to duplicate games. It is the policy of the Golden Rain Federation to allow **no dogs except service dogs.**

Michael mentioned the recent change of ACBL policy: **No Stop Cards at ACBL tournaments.** He said that he had observed very little misuse by players at Rossmoor. But at tournaments it was very easy to assign an un-alerted partnership agreement as to whether a Stop Card was played or not. He asked what was the policy going to be at Rossmoor?

After brief discussion it was decided that our policy would be 'no change'. If a player uses a Stop Card, he must always use it - with preempts, with Weak Twos, etc. If he doesn't use a card, he must never use a card with any action.

Michael announced that in the future he planned for **no more E/W sit-outs.** There will be a computer made available by Bridge Base Online which would be programmed with 1-3 bridge hands. During their sit-out E/W teams would be able to play against "bots" on a computer.

**The next meeting, Monday, November 6, will be held in Multi Purpose Room #1.**

The general meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sherry Marks,*  
RDBC secretary