

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

Vice President, Bob Elgie, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Oak room at Gateway. He welcomed Albert Chu to the board. Albert is taking the place of Marj Livingston.

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

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

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): Jean again stated that we should reduce the amount of cash we are holding in the bank. The monthly net profit was \$2,067 and our available cash balance is \$36,055. She said that the table count was holding up well, especially for the Monday games.

Bob Elgie suggested scheduling a special brainstorming session to make these decisions on lowering the cash balance after the holidays. There were a number of suggestions to consider: purchasing more equipment, have more lunches, give bonuses, pay for name tags as new members join, lower regular dues and lower table fees. Jean stated that the ACBL has rules for the amount that may be charged to guests. Michael will double check on these rules.

Membership Report (Bob Elgie): Bob reported that the number of members paying dues for 2018 is about 190. Barbara Smith said that she continues to have a box for dues collection at the games. She asked that members be reminded that if their dues aren't paid by January, their names will not be included in the RDBC directory for 2018. Also, they will be charged the guest fee rate if they wish to play.

Nominating Committee (Barbara Fendel): Barbara passed around a sample ballot that she will have ready to distribute to the membership should there be nominations from the floor prior to the election of officers at next month's General Meeting. She is also notifying members whose names are on the ballot.

Publicity (Kit Miller): Kit said that there had been a couple of 70% games scored this month. She is continuing to post *Tip of the Month* on the bulletin board and hopes that the membership reads it. The current *Tip* mentions that dummy is not allowed to speak during a game. Michael added that dummy can prevent declarer from making a mistake as to whether she's in the dummy or her hand.

Kit added that publicity about our Swiss Teams event will be in this week's Rossmoor News. Michael said that paying fees ahead of time greatly adds to smooth management.

Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess): Bobbie asked for suggestions for the menu for next month's Christmas party. It will be held on Monday, December 11. She also asked Michael if he knew how many teams would be playing on Saturday, November 11 at our Swiss Teams event. Michael replied that 11 four-person teams had signed up so far and he would get the final number to her. He asked that we provide snacks prior to the team event. Bobbie suggested cookies and drinks. Jean added that sometimes chips and dip go over very well.

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Bob said that getting newer members involved with Hospitality helps in many ways. He thanked Bobbie for her years of service and asked her to provide us with her expertise: her notes on *What to Serve?* and *How Much to Order?* Bobbie said that Barbara Smith has been a huge help to her. She will make available to Barbara Fendel her files on Hospitality.

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

1. Jay Francis will be retiring as director. Michael has the name of a woman who may be a replacement.
2. In January Michael is holding a directors' meeting. There have been a number of rule changes issued by the ACBL.

Old Business:

1. The Event Center is not available to us for the April 28-29, 2018 sectional. Other clubs in Rossmoor have priority.
2. Bob spoke with David Terris regarding his Rossmoor News column. Bob was asking about David's inclusion in his column some boards of recent actual club play. We agreed to give David Terris a free play when he uses an actual club for his column.
3. The board has been asked about providing fans for the Oak room. Nothing permanent has been decided upon. The maintenance men have been cleaning our tables regularly.

New Business:

1. Bob and Barbara F. set up the new, larger bulletin board.
2. Kit is interested in RDBC providing new members with name badges. Michael will send her the address of *7 No Trump*. She hopes to have information for the December meeting.
3. Unit 499 funds are available for club holiday parties: The amount is up to \$180, which is \$12 per table for up to 15 tables.

Next meeting: Monday, December 4. There will also be an **annual meeting** of the general membership to elect new board members on **Monday, December 11**. This meeting will be held in the Oak Room.

The general meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Marks,
RDBC secretary