

**ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting**  
**December 4, 2017**

**President, Earl Reeve**, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. in Multipurpose Room #3 at Gateway.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey):** Jean is pleased to see us reducing the amount of cash we are holding in the bank. Members are receiving free play through the month of December except for STAC week when the table fee is actually increased by a dollar. She said that fees to instructors for classes given will be paid in December. She is also holding separate the amount collected so far for 2018 membership dues. This will appear on the 2018 budget.

**Membership Report (Bob Elgie):** Bob reported that the number of members paying dues for 2018 is 225. On January 1, 2017 our membership number 260. Barbara Smith 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 1, their names will not be included in the RDDB directory for 2018. Also, they will be charged the guest fee rate if they wish to play. The board spoke of posting a list of either those members who have paid versus a list of those not paid.

**Nominating Committee (Barbara Fendel):** Barbara said that she would have ballots ready should there be nominations from the floor. The board asks that any such anticipated nominations be brought to our attention prior to the day of the meeting so preparations can be made. Nominations for the 2018 board of directors are Bob Elgie (continuing), Judy Keilin and Lori Weston.

**Publicity (Kit Miller):** Kit said that there were articles in the Rossmoor News about the club's activities. She is continuing to post *Tip of the Month* on the bulletin board.

**Hospitality (Bobbie Burgess):** This is Bobbie's last meeting as Hospitality director. The board thanked her for her excellent service these past years. Bobbie said that there would be plenty of shrimp on the menu at next week's Christmas party. Barbara Felden said that she was lining up new faces to help her next year.

**Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell):** Michael said three members had approached him about removing Stop Cards.

1. There was a general discussion about the recent ACBL ruling that as of January 1, 2018 there will be no **Stop Card** in the bidding boxes of players who participate in ACBL sanctioned tournaments. The board, which had previously decided to leave in the Stop Cards at Rossmoor, decided to remove them. Members are encouraged to read the **Bridge Bulletin's Ruling the Game**, page 33, and look over the boxed information on page 59.

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2. Michael also brought up that errors in regular game scores were being reported days after the occurrences. He said that one director felt it was a hardship to ask the director to return a day or two later to correct the error in the computer.

Michael said that he had no problem with a delay in reporting an error as long as it was reported during the month that it occurred. He goes over scores and is responsible for them. Directors don't have to make a special appearance. The exception to this would be STAC scores which ACBL requires to be reported within 24 hours of game completion. Michael reminded us that **both parties to the error must agree to the correction** before reporting it.

3. A new director, Debbie Rechnitz, has agreed to work for us. She doesn't live in Rossmoor but plays here regularly. Michael estimated she would be directing two Tuesdays a month.

4. Michael asked about pay for the directors working Swiss Team events. There is usually a lead director, an assistant director plus Dorrie. They frequently have to do extra work before and during a game. Jean checked her records. The last time we changed the rates for director pay was in January 2015.

5. Michael passed out the schedule for 2018.

**Old Business:** Kit reviewed previous-sent email information on name badges. The board decided it would purchase badges for those wishing them. There will be a sign-up at the Dec.11 annual meeting.

**New Business:** Our annual Holiday lunch, membership meeting, and election of new board members will take place Monday, December 11.

Remind members that if they haven't paid their dues by January 1, 2018, they will be subject to paying guest fees.

**Next meeting:** Monday, January 1, is New Year's Day. There will be no game and no board meeting. **Tentative meeting date: Monday, January 8.**

**Mon.-Sat., January 8-13: Birthday Free Play Week.**

The general meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sherry Marks,*  
RDBC secretary