

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting
February 5, 2018

President, Bob Elgie, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. in Multipurpose Room #1 at Gateway.

Attendance: Other board members in attendance were Jean Autrey, Albert Chu, Barbara Fendel, Judy Keilin, Sherry Marks, Kit Miller, Barbara Smith, Lori Weston and Club Manager, Michael Gosnell.

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

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): Jean is pleased to report that our Cash in the Bank, \$15,465, currently shows an expense loss by design of \$5,321. The Reserve Fund of \$12,065 remains untouched. The \$1,200 from the Unit toward new bridge pads is not included in these figures.

Jean also asked that the names approved last month as authorized **signatures to our account at U.S. Bank** be changed to Robert Elgie, Jean Autrey and Barbara V. Smith. It was so moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Membership Report (Albert Chu): Albert said that the current number of members paying dues for 2018 is 305 which is 23 more than last year at this time. He said that 5 of these were residents and new to Ravi's current class.

He announced that plans to issue the **2018 directory** are sufficiently advanced so that he hopes to have it available to members later this month. Bob said that last year we had given \$250 to Lou Langraf toward publication. The board decided to give the same amount this year.

Hospitality (Barbara Fendel): Barbara said that she'd been told that we ran out of food at the January 21st Unit Game and that she was making adjustments for the March 25 Unit Game when we expect a large turnout. She said that Gigi Garma, Lori Weston and Barbara Smith were on her committee. Jean encouraged her, that if she needed it, to get help from some of the newer members.

Publicity (Kit Miller): Kit said that the articles in the Rossmoor News this past month included mentioning members achieving a 70% game. This month's *Tip of the Month* reminded members that once the director was called to a table, no one should touch their cards. If one player collects his played cards, the director has the option of ruling for the other partnership.

Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell):

1. Michael again brought his intention to instruct a two-three hour class so that directors can go over the new ACBL rules and review existing rules. Bob Elgie offered his home. The educational session will probably be held after a future Saturday game.
2. Our newest director, **Deborah Rechnitz**, is working two Fridays a month. Pat Taylor has been backing her up.
3. Michael will look into *Fiber Copy*, located on Contra Costa Blvd. to possibly print copies of the new 2018 ACBL rules.

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4. Lori is to start learning what Dori does on Tuesdays.

5. **Michael mentioned an experimental ACBL-wide REACH program**, run in conjunction with the International Fund Game. It was offered this week starting on Saturday afternoon, February 3 with five sessions offered one-a-day from Feb. 5-9. Players register for REACH in advance for \$30 plus regular table fees. This enables them to play at any game of a participating club.

REACH looks like a regional side game. Normal points are given, red/black, for the International Fund Game and overall winners receive gold points. (Bridge Bulletin, February 2018).

6. Michael would like to change the master point limit to 499 (from the current 299) in the B group of the **Monday game**, thereby **making the B group a non-life master group. Any change would not take place until January 2019.**

Lori mentioned that she'd conducted an informal poll and received comments as "Absolutely not." "We bon't be able to make as many points." and "OK, lets try it." Sherry mentioned that raising the master point limit to 499 **was actually a bonus to B players** in that it would allow players to continue to play longer in this group. They would not be forced to play in A until they'd reached 499 (or received Life Master status). It was felt as doubtful there would be a huge exodus from the A group, but changing the point count limit would allow adjustments to be more easily made should there be one-half table in each group. The Monday game is our only members-only group.

Old Business:

1. Kit said members have received their **name badges** from the first batch ordered and she's ready to order a second batch for those signing up. There is a reminder that players with pacemakers should order a badge with a pin rather than a magnet used to attach them. Players wishing name badges can sign up in the green-covered notebook kept in the Oak room closet.

2. **We are changing the names of authorized signatures** with access to our U.S. Bank account(s) to Robert Elgie, Jean A. Autrey or Barbara V. Smith, **any one acting alone.** Barbara has been depositing funds. A vote was taken on the motion and the motion was carried.

New Business:

1. Michael asked the board what they thought about **forming a Google group.** Comments were very favorable. Michael offered to get it started and asked if anyone had experience. Judy will get the group started and has volunteered to manage it. Albert also agreed to co-manage.

2. Michael was asked how difficult it would be for **members to put in their ACBL numbers** instead of their names on the white table sign-ups for regular games. Michael said he thought there'd be no problem, but he will look into it.

3. Lori asked if we could purchase a **cordless portable microphone** that could be used by instructors teaching classes this spring. It was thought prices started at \$21, but Michael will look into it.

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The general meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Next meeting: Monday, March 5 in Multipurpose Room #1 at Gateway.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Marks,
RDBC secretary