

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting
April 2, 2018

President, Bob Elgie, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. in Multipurpose Room #1 at Gateway.

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

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

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): Jean reported that in March we took in \$87 more than we spent and we have \$15,852 in the bank. She expects expenses to rise in April. We have a reserve fund of slightly over \$12,600. She said that we had 37 tables for the recent Unit Game on March 25.

Membership Report (Albert Chu): Albert said that we have 310 paid members. The directory is available in the Oak room. He had five calls regarding errors of either name or email address in the directory. He complimented Judy Keilin for her efforts in setting up a Google group. Judy said that so far there hasn't been a lot of use by the club membership.

Hospitality (Barbara Fendel): Barbara was absent. It was agreed that the Hospitality Committee did a fantastic job at the Unit Game.

Publicity (Kit Miller): Kit said that the Friday class is continuing to provide winners of 70% games and that their pictures will be in the Rossmoor News. She's posted a Tip-of-the-Month for April. It is hoped that members make a habit of reading it. She said that members have been very good about letting her know of recipients for her sympathy cards.

Kit said that Pat Taylor and Kathleen Young are offering another class this spring. Michael said that Ravi had indicated that he also would like to teach. Kit has ordered another batch of 25 RDBC name badges. It was mentioned that members could order their own badge if the information was included on our new Google group website.

Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell):

1. Michael passed out information on a **cordless microphone**. It was decided that the expense of having a cordless was worth it (over one with a cord). Jean moved, Sherry seconded and it was unanimously decided to buy one in the range of \$200-\$250.

2. Michael commented on our 37 tables at the **Unit Game**. He said that 40 tables would be the maximum the room would hold. He said that Sharon did a nice job of directing, always handling herself very well, but that next year he recommended having two directors to manage that size. Because of the large turnout, Michael asked about getting an outside room next year. There were no immediate suggestions.

3. **Coughing** continuing to be an issue. Because many of our residents suffer from COPD or allergies, at times it is difficult to determine who might be infectious. *Don't come if you're coughing*, is still the recommendation.

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4. Be aware of the **new ACBL convention cards**. Bob read from a handout about the necessity of every member having a convention card at conventions. The board feels that all members should have convention cards at the games played at Rossmoor. Lori estimated that 1/2 of the B players do not have cards. A 'push' will be made by all players and directors to encourage card usage. ACBL has a section on its website showing how to fill out a card.

5. **Michael raised the issue of compensation for new directors** during their training period. Jean said that currently for the four sessions involved, we offer no compensation for two and 1/2 compensation for two. Michael asked that this be changed to two sessions at 1/2 compensation and two at full compensation. He said that at the last two they are definitely working sessions. Albert moved that we change the compensation to two at 1/2 pay and two at full pay. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

6. Our newest director, **Deborah Rechnitz**, is interested in giving some of the mini-lessons.

Old Business:

1. On July 1 the **B group on Monday will be a Non-life Master group** with the maximum point range of 499.

New Business:

1. Judy asked if we ever had charity games. Michael answered that we had one to benefit the Junior Fund and he would like to offer more of these. There was a discussion about charging members \$1.00 more; they would receive more points for winning in these games. Michael will investigate possibly doing one per bridge day per month. (One Monday game per month, one Tuesday game per month, etc.)

The general meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM. There was no executive session.

Next meeting: Monday, May 7th in Multipurpose Room #1 at Gateway.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Marks,
RDBC secretary