

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting
October 1, 2018

President, Bob Elgie, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in Multipurpose Room #1 at Gateway.

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

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

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): The profit for September was \$3,295, however Jean said that the last bank statement was not delivered to us. We had to pay a late fee. Last year we averaged 26 tables. This year we're averaging 27 tables. We had one fewer Unit Games this year. The pizzas served at the September Unit game were slightly more expensive than planned, possibly costing the same amount as other suggested menus. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Membership Report (Albert Chu): Albert was absent. **Bob** reported that we had 325 members for 2018. **Barbara Smith** said that she already had received \$10.00 each for the coming year from about 100 members.

Hospitality (Barbara Fendel): Barbara was absent. Members agreed that the Unit game in September went very well.

Publicity (Kit Miller): Kit mentioned that our own **Barbara Fendel** had been featured twice this month in the Rossmoor News as having a 70% game, partnering once with Earl Reeve and once with her husband, Josh. **Val Peterson's** photo was also published for her accomplishing the rank of Ruby Life Master with 1500 master points.

Debbie Rechnitz', Procedure and Etiquette has been posted. Kit said that lately she had noticed that dummies were talking too much.

RDDB Google Group (Judy Keilin): Judy was absent. She has previously reported that there are 302 members in the Google Group.

Nominating Committee (Lori Weston): Lori said that she had spoken with the three retiring members of the board. **Barbara Smith** wishes to continue for another term with her current duties. **Albert Chu** and **Sherry Marks** will be leaving the board. Lori mentioned that she and her committee interviewed a number of prospects for next year's board. The board also discussed the current status of the Membership chair duties as being divided between two people. Lori said that she would have a slate of prospective officers for the November meeting. The membership is scheduled to vote on this.

Club Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell): Michael said that the club has been having computer connection problems. We can't send in our results. We probably need stronger WiFi and also more security. We might need our own dedicated connection with a monthly charge. Michael wondered if there were other Rossmoor clubs using the Oak room with which we might

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share a connection. **Bob** cited some clubs that he knew of, but doubted that they had or needed this. Both Bob and Michael will continue to investigate.

Old Business:

1. **Common Game** - There have been number of complaints about the possibility of games being rigged. Michael was adamant that the games are randomized. There is no extra cost to us. The results are super-easy to submit.
2. **Charity Games** - Michael mentioned that it would be nice to mention the actual name of the charity to benefit. We can actually pick our own charity.
3. **September Unit Game** - The feedback was that the game went well, there was plenty of food, The pizzas had cost more than expected.

New Business:

1. **Snacks for Wednesday morning games** - Players have noted, "There's no food". Snacks are usually provided by members and their guests.
2. **2019 Calendar** - Bob passed around a tentative RDBC calendar for 2019. Questions on it included holding games on holidays, dates of Rossmoor flea markets (where we lose access to the Oak room), and Charity Games Week.
3. **Robert Todd Seminar** - Robert Todd is a bridge teacher and magazine writer who is going to be in our area in April 2019. His fee for the seminar would be \$2,000 - \$3,000. The RDBC board was not interested.

The general meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM. There was no executive session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Marks,
RDBC secretary