

Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club
Board of Directors Meeting
January 7, 2019

President Bob Elgie called the meeting to order at 04:02 pm in MPR1, Gateway. He noted two milestones. Kit Miller has achieved Silver Life Master status and Michael Gosnell reached Sapphire Life Master.

Attendance: Board members in attendance: Bob Elgie, Jean Autrey, Diane Jones, Lori Weston, Kit Miller, Barbara Fendel and Addie Mattox. Barbara Smith and Judy Keilin were absent.

Approve Minutes: An omission to the minutes of 12/4/18 was noted by Barbara F. The Hospitality Chair's request for assistance with catering at Unit games and the ensuing discussion were not minuted. This was acknowledged and a revised copy of the minutes from 12/4/18 will be distributed.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Autrey): Jean gave a recap of the RDBC financial standing as of the end of 2018. A net loss was reported for 2018 as planned. Jean will prepare a budget for 2019 and present it at the next meeting. Income from games is slightly down. The number of tables, on days other than Tuesday and Friday, has diminished. The Friday game is expanding.

It was requested that the sale of Convention Card Holders be announced before each game.

Hospitality (Barbara Fendel): Barbara announced a resignation from the Hospitality Committee. She requested assistance from board members for the Unit Game on Sunday, January 20th. Lori will shop at Safeway and assist Barbara with set up and clean up. Bob, Diane, Jean and Addie will assist before or after the game. RDBC board members are requested to either assist with hospitality or identify a substitute on an ongoing basis.

Membership (Addie Mattox): Addie reported that the Membership lists and payment files are in disarray. She proposed hand checking each payment and envelope pertaining to 2019 dues. When a balance is achieved, membership information will be forwarded to the printer for the 2019 directory. Data will be submitted by the end of January. Members submitting payment in the next few days will be included in the directory. Members joining or submitting dues thereafter will appear in Google groups but not the 2019 printed directory. As of now there are 270 paid members.

Publicity (Kit Miller): There have been many photos in the Rossmoor News of RDBC Friday players who have achieved a score of more than 70%. Congratulations! Kit requested a photo of the new board for the Rossmore News (This was taken after the meeting). Charity games will be held the week of January 14th. Table fees will be an extra dollar. There was a brief discussion about new ACBL rules regarding specific alerts and rules for opening 1NT. Michael has already distributed these but was requested to send them again.

Google Groups: "Tip of the Month" is now published on Google Groups. Kit periodically republishes Deb Rechnitz's essay on etiquette protocols. There are 305 members on Google Groups. Judy Keilin encourages using this platform for additional club business.

Classes: Two Over One Game Force, taught by Ravi Bhalla, began on January 7th. Declarer Play, taught by Michael Gosnell, begins on Tuesday the 15th of January. Each class will run for eight consecutive weeks.

Manager's Report (Michael Gosnell): Michael reported that Pat Taylor has resumed directing responsibilities. She will direct two to three Mondays per month and a possible Thursday evening.

Old Business:

The Common Game: Bob resumed discussion of The Common Game, requesting the board consider a referendum to discuss the issue and come to a resolution. All agreed. Discussion was brief. Bob highlighted the dissension in the club and reminded the board that it must serve the membership. A vote was called. Rossmoor will no longer participate in The Common Game. Michael was requested to ensure that all local games are dealt randomly in the same way as pre-Common Game.

New Business:

Mentoring Program: Bob introduced the idea of a RDBC mentoring program. The mentoring program at Unit 499 was cited. All agreed to a local mentoring program. Bob initiated discussion by sharing a template for enrollment. Discussion was enthusiastic with varying opinions on timeframes and approaches, mentor and participant eligibility and more. The topic was tabled to give board members an opportunity to organize their thoughts. Everyone is requested to come prepared for further discussion at the February 4th meeting.

The general meeting was adjourned at 04:47 pm.

There was no executive session.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 4, 2019 (MPR1 Gateway)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Weston

Secretary, RDBC

