

Richmond Bridge Association
Unit 109
Board of Directors Meeting
August 21, 2012

Board Members Present: Paul McGowan, Pat McDermott, Barry Fratkin, Paul Anderson, Ed Kinlaw, Harry Gellis, Linda MacCleave, Becky Duty, and David Prior

Not present: Richard Deyerle, Randall Holden, George Lewis, Steve Chaplin

Ed Kinlaw brought the meeting to order at 6:30.

Paul Anderson presented the **Treasurer's report**. He prepared separate statements for the period before June 2012 and after, which is when he started in the position.

Total current assets are \$36,166.18, including a CD worth \$16,419. The rent for the bridge center is paid through November. Annually we pay \$10,000 to Bridge Center. Charges for the fans and tables are divided by 10, so we will have 10 sectionals to pay for them. They have been charged (expensed) only to sectionals.

Auditors report: The books, up to June 2012, were looked over by Jean Oakey. Attached is a list of concerns. The most important one is that tax form 990N needs to be filed. The cash totals in the account are correct. A list of better record keeping procedures was supplied. Jean suggested that our records should show that we shopped around and got a favorable price or a competitive price and didn't just use board member's service without comparison shopping first.

Non-life master Sectional Ed reported that there are no tables at Moose Lodge.

Harry has a van and will get them to Moose Lodge, but needs someone to unload them since it is a Jewish holiday. Ed will discuss with Will. Ed volunteered to drive the van with the tables back to Harry's office for storage.

October Open Sectional. Barry Fratkin reported. He handed out reports comparing the sectionals that have been held under his supervision. He reported that he received many compliments about the new venue. He is committed to making the next sectional the best one possible. He hopes this will contribute to greater attendance. He plans to make a brochure with restaurant information to hand out. Several options for a change of menu for the Sunday meal are being explored. The higher expense of free pays was discussed and attributed issue of the need for help set up tables. Though we had the expense of free plays, we did save \$100 fee that the Moose Lodge charged to set up tables. It was proposed that we buy more trash cans, so that clean up will be easier and faster. The trash cans can be transported and stored with the tables.

Membership Committee Report - Good will report from Pat McDermott included information on the informative welcome packet she sends to all members new to our district. Even though the ACBL suggests calling members who are late with dues, she does not to this as it may cause ill will.

Educational Liaison report was presented by Ed Kinlaw. Friendly Bridge has been doing Saturday morning workshops for 9 years. The 9:30 - 4:30 workshop had 46 people this past Saturday, by far a new record. There will be a new Sunday evening session starting Sept 23rd. Information is spread by word of mouth and flyers are at the bridge center. Paul presented that the people who graduate the 0-20 pt game would like to continue, but don't feel comfortable at the other games. He stated that he has opened the Sunday night game to players with up to 50 masterpoints. Former friendly bridgers are helping newcomers.

Playing 12 boards a night in 2 hours is faster than the usual 8-10 boards that the previous classes had played.

Sunday afternoon is 0 – 499. One suggestion to improve attendance at the Wednesday evening RBA game is to have a separate section for team games for teams under 1000 pts.

LearnBridge Va website- Linda requested the unit support this site because it would have everything being done in the 109 bridge area put in one central location – lessons, ready access to teachers and mentors, etc. The motion was carried to obtain content and reimburse expenses.

Christmas Mother Game is the 2nd wed in December, which is the 12th.

It was noted that the game is supposed be called a charity game and not the Christmas mother game. The plan is to set it up as a club championship game and not as charity game. In the discussion of the location, some of the venues mentioned were:

The Place was a great venue, but cost more than \$4000

Comfort Inn is \$500 plus catering costs

Flinn's estimate was \$11 per person

Barry Fratkin will research possibilities and present at the next meeting.

Concerning the **RBA Game price**, a request was made to check last year's minutes to see if the extra dollar fee is supposed to go charity. Linda will check on that. Charity Games will be discussed next meeting

Other business: Harry stated ACBL came up with new charity for month of December, which allows every day in December to pay regional black points. Money collected is sent to ACBL and they return it to districts to be spent on youth or teaching etc...

February is youth month

Update on Zero Tolerance Policy. George spoke to Doug Grove, who has not provided him with information yet. At the present time there is no change in policy.

Linda wants to purchase an easel for speakers at the Non-life master sectional – Harry will loan his.

Paul –wanted confirmation that we had voted on \$9 for sectional and \$88 for swiss teams.

The RBA has a standing offer to pick up ½ cost of supplies, like bidding boxes used for any appropriate unit activities – like Christmas Mother, May dinner, non-life master tournament, etc. Inserts were purchased for the bridge center. The charge was \$14 per bidding box insert. Paul requested 30 sets of bidding boxes, which are \$52 per table at Bridge Baron. Motion was proposed and passed to purchase 40 sets to have enough for our events.

Barry is bringing food to the next sectional for our board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Submitted by

Becky Duty, Secretary