



RBA

**Unit 109 Board Meeting  
Tuesday March 30, 2010 7:00 pm**

**Minutes**

**Members present:** Doug Jennings, Peg Ward, Richard Deyerle, Marty Wein, John McNaney, George Lewis, Helen Rolfe. **Members excused:** Ed Kinlaw, Ellen Hartenberg, Linda Seamster. **Members absent:** Paul Anderson, Debra Hoffman, Toni Morton.

Doug called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Helen reported on a request from Neil Spokes of **Fauquier county**. The director's exam is to be given this spring for persons interested in becoming directors in the county, and Neil was named proctor for the exam.

Richard gave the **Treasurer's report**. The unit is in good financial order with over \$30,000 in assets, a large portion of which is in the checking account and CDs. A report of the treasurer will be made at the annual meeting in May and a copy of the treasurer's report will be posted on the RBA website. The Board authorized Richard to purchase a storage cabinet for his RBA files.

Doug reported that the **May annual meeting** will be held at the Place at Innsbrook on Wed., May 12. A buffet will be served from 6:00 to 6:45. The cost is \$20 per pair. Checks should be made payable to the RBA and mailed to Jacki Shuman, 2003 Marroit Road, Richmond, VA 23229-3329, or placed in the envelope attached to the RBA bulletin board at the Bridge Center **by April 30, 2010**. The Nominating committee has presented the following slate of officers to be voted on at the May 12 meeting:

President  
Secretary

Peg Ward  
Ruth Miles

Vice-President  
Treasurer

Ed Kinlaw  
Richard Deyerle

Also presented were the names of four Board of Directors members-elect: Steve Chaplin, Harry Gellis, Ellen Hartenberg, and Linda MacCleave.

The RBA Trophies, given for the most masterpoints at our unit games in Flights A, B, and C, the Ace of Clubs certificates, and Mini-McKenney medallions will be presented at the dinner meeting.

The Board selected the recipient of the **Sheila Kleiman Congeniality Award**. In discussing how to provide for more member involvement in the selection of the recipient, the Board decided to ask for nominations for the award at the Christmas Mother meeting in December.

Doug reviewed the schedule for the **Richmond sectionals**. When the February sectional had to be cancelled because of snow in February, we were not charged by the Moose Lodge. The fall sectional will be November 19-21. Because this sectional has not been advertized yet, we will be able to stratify the events by the average masterpoint total held by a pair or team. This represents a change in the method of stratification, and must be advertized ahead of time to give notice.

George reviewed upcoming **District Six elections** which will be held at the Northern Virginia regional in July. Unit Board members vote in the election, which is held between August 15 and the third business day of October. Nadine Wood is not running again for District 6 member of the ACBL Board, and Margot Hennings is running for the position.

George reviewed ACBL policy on **charity games**. At least one charity game for the benefit of ACBL per year is required of every unit. A unit may hold as many others as desired. Of the moneys collected, a portion is returned to each district for distribution to local charities. Last year District 6 was given \$20,000, and the Washington area food bank was given \$5,000 initially and the balance was split between Maryland, Northern Virginia, and Virginia. At the July meeting of the District a decision will be made for distribution of an additional \$10,000 in ACBL charity funds. The motion was made and carried to propose to the District that a portion of these funds be given to the Central Virginia Food bank to be distributed equitably across the state to localities where units are located.

Doug indicated that **RBA unit games** on the second Wednesday of the month are alternating every other month beginning with pairs in January, teams in February (cancelled because of snow), except for May and December when we have the annual meeting and the Christmas mother dinner. Attendance seems to be better at the team games for the most part.

In Ed's absence Peg reported on **Friendly and Novice Bridge**. About 115 people showed up for the first class Sunday a week or two ago in response to an article in the newspaper. A Saturday class was added at 1 pm; 17 came for it. On Sunday 88 new players were started in the lessons. This is a nice problem to have! It was suggested that helpers for these beginning classes receive free plays for the RBA games to thank them for their willingness to serve. The Bridge Center will not charge full rent for the use of the building on Saturday, but will take any profit from the game, if there is any. **Non-Life Master sectionals** will be held May 22-23 and September 18-19 in Richmond.

The **"Hampton Roads" Trophy** game will be played May 15 at 1:00 at the Williamsburg Marriott, hosted by Unit 110. Ed Kinlaw is our captain, and he will select the participants to compete in the following sections: A, under 300; B, under 1,000; C, under 2,000; D, unlimited. The Board voted to pay the \$7 entry fee for the 8 RBA teams.

The **2010 RBA Directory** is out. It cost \$1800 to produce, and contains \$1300 of advertising, netting the cost at \$500, or less than a dollar per member. A letter will be sent to each advertiser with a copy of the directory thanking them for their patronage.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rolfe, secretary

