

**Richmond Bridge Association
Unit 109
Board of Directors Meeting
January 19, 2013**

Present: Paul Anderson, Richard Deyerle, Becky Duty, Barry Fratkin, Harry Gellis, Ed Kinlaw, George Lewis, and Paul McGowan

Absent: Steve Chaplin, Randall Holden, Linda MacCleave, Pat McDermott and David Prior

Ed Kinlaw called the meeting to order at 2:15. The meeting was held at the Comfort Inn, 3200 Broad St. A discussion was held as to whether to continue having the board meetings between sessions on Saturday of the sectionals. It was decided that it would be all right as long as there were no big, time consuming issues to discuss.

Treasurer' Report: Paul Anderson passed out the October report. The November and December reports could not be submitted because he had not yet received the friendly bridge reports and the December bank statement. We have \$11,000 in the checking account after payment of \$5000 rent to the Bridge Center. Paul Anderson needs a receipt for the \$2000 rent check for the Eagles location for the Fredericksburg sectional. Paul McGowan will take care of that. Expenses for the Christmas Mother game were approximately \$1200 for the catering, \$1000 for the matching donation to the Christmas Mother, and \$600 for the hotel rent. Income was approximately 25 tables at \$48 per table, so we lost more than \$1,000 on the Christmas Mother game.

March Fredericksburg Sectional: Paul McGowan reported that everything is on track. He needs a price for the hotel for advertising in the handouts. Director Anne Duty requested help with pre-made boards.

May Dinner: Is always held the 2nd Wednesday in May. A discussion was held concerning location. Advantages of the Moose Lodge and the Comfort Inn were discussed. Ed stated that the Comfort Inn had raised the daily rates from \$500 to \$600 and is charging us \$100 for the small room. Tables will already be at the Moose Lodge from the Non-Life Master Bridge weekend. (George said we should confirm that there will be space to store them there.) He also suggested we should confirm that the \$400 rate hasn't changed since we are no longer holding sectionals there. A motion was passed to have the dinner at the Moose Lodge.

April Non-life master sectional: Will and Jack are in Hawaii, but will be back in time for the tournament. Ed and Paul Anderson will direct. They have every expectation that it will be as successful as the past ones.

Charities: As discussed in the last board meeting, we need to distribute the money that was raised through the extra dollar charged at the monthly RBA games from Oct 2010 through April of 2012. \$604 was raised and will be donated to charities. (An after meeting update – Ed recalculated the amount at \$692 from January 2011 through April 2012.) \$700 was raised at the ProAM game. No restrictions on specific charities.

A motion was carried to keep the money local and split the ProAM money between the three Richmond Charities mentioned in the obituaries of bridge players that passed away during 2012. A motion was presented and carried to use the \$604 (updated, \$692) from the RBA games to the Food bank.

Many bridge players would enjoy having bridge mates available at the club games. Mimi does not see the benefit to having them for the Bridge Center. Paul Anderson requested matching funds for his and Stanley's games for Bridge Mates. He would like to get 40 at \$125 each as well as a \$288 server. If we get them in Charlottesville we will pay the 5% sales tax. At last years meeting we approved the idea that if local clubs want to make capital expenditures, we will match them to make purchases. Paul McGowan questioned the policy of have a standing policy and suggested each club present their requests in writing for the board to approve when they have all the facts and figures.

Barry suggested the need a committee for the Christmas Mother game and May games and a committee on how to spend money. It was determined that the finance committee should make decision on capital expenditures and that the whole board have input on the Christmas Mother and May games, because we can get better ideas from a larger group.

Harry moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Duty, secretary