

RBA Board Meeting
April 8, 2003

Members present: Mike Fine, Jacki Shuman, Jan Mirmelstein, Ellen Shuman, Linda MacCleave, Bob Mandell , George Lewis, Miriam, Smolkin, Burt Kimmel, Ed Kinlaw, Jim Poulson. Not Present: Wes Thiss, Stu Kleinman

1. The meeting was called to order by Mike Fine. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted.
2. Bert Kimmel gave the treasurer's report, everyone was given a copy. RBA games are a draw, we neither lose money or make money. The Pro-AM tournament lost \$142. The RBA has made \$2006 since the last meeting. Burt also made a suggestion that we offer to reimburse people that put up money to start Easybridge. Mike will take care of that.
3. Ad for the Directory – Jan's been working on it. George wants to bring the books to the May Dinner. Everything should be done by April 21st. The ad cost is \$100 for a full page and \$65 for a half-page. The board decided to print 750 copies since they'll have to last for 2 years.
4. 2004 Sectional Dates – Ed has the dates for these tournaments and will email everyone and let them know what they are. Parking continues to be a problem with the Moose Lodge. We must come up with a solution. We must also find a place to store tables. We will offer some of the older ones to Fredericksburg who said they needed new tables. George will check with the Lodge to see if they want to do a lunch on Sunday for the team game. Jim Poulson will look into renting a bus/van.
5. Pro-Am – the game was very successful. New Friendly Bridge classes should start sometime in the fall. George mentioned that we should think about membership retention. We do get an in-and-out report from the ACBL. Bob Mandell will be in charge of contacting members we're losing.
6. May Dinner – will be held at the Westwood Club. We must send out cards letting people know 30 days in advance. George will take care of that, with an RSVP to Jacki. We'll also put a sign-up sheet at the Bridge Center. Jan will collect the money at the dinner. It starts at 7:30, dinner will be at 6:00 and we'll have a short meeting.
7. Congeniality Award- was discussed and voted to Bev Spooner. George will get the trophy back and get it engraved.
8. Hall of Fame Award – George brought up the criteria. The Board should ok who they give it to or the RBA name should come off of it. The motion was tabled. A motion was made to ask Stanley Ford to come to the next meeting and explain the award to us. The motion carried.
9. Regional Tournament – Nancy sent us a full report, everyone received a copy.

10. Linda MacCleave talked about the Zero-Tolerance Policy, she passed out handouts and recommended that we begin to implement it. We should set the standard.
11. Linda suggested that we have a Pro-Am trophy. The board agreed and the first one will be given out at the May Dinner.
12. Mike reported that the bridge center is considering going to \$6.00 per game and would like for the RBA to do the same thing. The board has mixed feelings on the issue and will discuss it further.

The next meeting will be July 13th, 2003. It will be the RBA cookout and everyone is invited to bring a guest.

Respectfully Submitted, Jacki Shuman, Secretary