

RBA Board Meeting
September 10, 2002

Members present: Mike Fine, Stu Kleinman, Ellen Shuman, Jacki Shuman, George Lewis, Miriam Smolkin, Jan Mirmelstein, Jim Poulson, Bert Kimmel, Wes Thiss, Ed Kinlaw. Members absent: Bob Mandell, Linda McCleave.

1. Treasurer's Report was presented by Bert Kimmel. The RBA subsidized the May Dinner by \$944. We made \$22 on the Visitors Game in May. The total balance in the RBA accounts right now is \$14,885.24. George made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.
2. The topic of EasyBridge and who it belongs to was discussed. The question of should the money be run by the easybridgers was discussed and the board said no, that it was part of the RBA. Bert would like a breakdown of the expenses.
3. The RBA PRO-AM game will be held September 29, 2002. The topic of who should direct was raised and it was the general consensus of the board that Jim Creech should be given the first opportunity. Miriam made a motion to move the game from the Bridge Center to the Inns of Virginia due to concerns over space. Ed seconded the motion and the board approved it. It was decided that the game would be run out of the EasyBridge fund and that the game would stand as written on the flyer. It was decided that the RBA would hold another Pro-Am game later in the year and open it up to everyone.
4. Mike made the following appointments:
 - Wes Thiss – Novice Coordinator
 - Jim Poulson – Grand National Teams Coordinator
 - Ed Kinlaw – Tournament Chairman
 - Ellen Shuman – Pro-Am, Christmas Mother
 - Jan Mirmelstein – Publicity and Charity
 - Miriam Smolkin – Hospitality
 - Jacki Shuman – Caddies, Membership Coordinator
 - George Lewis – Business Manager
 - Nancy Thompson – Conduct and Ethics
5. George will start working on the directory and Jan will be in charge of the advertising.
6. The topic of our sectionals was discussed. Miriam suggested that we award free entries to the winners and the board vetoed the idea. It was decided that Ed would check with other areas to see how other units were stratifying their events and report back. George was working on the new site for our sectionals and gave a report on the playing facility. Ed made a motion to authorize George and Mike to negotiate rates and the motion carried.

7. It's been noticed that attendance at RBA games is noticeably down. It was decided to reinstate a novice game (0-99 points) at all RBA games if attendance warrants. It was also decided that next year there would be only two RBA team games and the rest would be pair games.

Respectfully Submitted: Jacki Shuman, Secretary.