

Minutes of the RBA/Unit 109 Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Members Present: Doug Jennings, Peg Ward, Richard Deyerle, Paul Anderson, Ellen Hartenburg, George Lewis, Ed Kinlaw, John McNaney, Toni Morton, Linda Seamster, Marty Wein, and Helen Rolfe.

The meeting was called to order by Doug Jennings at 7:05 p.m.

Paul Anderson presented the revised Unit 109 bylaws as recommended by the committee. Several editorial changes were made. A motion was made to recommend approval by the general membership at the annual meeting in May. Motion carried. The bylaws will be posted on the RBA website, and the membership will be notified with the notice for the annual meeting.

Ed Kinlaw gave an update on the current novice program. March 8 was the first night with 6 tables. Ed and Peg Ward will put together a proposal to publicize the novice program leveraging available ACBL, District 6, and MABC funding as well as RBA funds.

Richard Deyerle gave the treasurer's report for the year from January 2008 to January 2009 showing net income of \$2,635.51 with total equity of \$33,152.06.

Doug reviewed the March 13-15 sectional in Fredericksburg and the annual meeting with desserts at the Moose Lodge on May 13. At the general meeting members will vote on the proposed bylaws. The Board approved a recipient for the Congeniality Award.

Peg discussed the Non-Life Master sectional on May 2-3 to be held at the Moose Lodge. Cathy Hilderbrand is the director, Ed Kinlaw and Richard Deyerle are lecturing on Saturday. Jack Buchanan and Will Williams are hospitality chairs.

George Lewis gave an overview of the Regional May 19-25. Committees that have worked past regionals will be in place this year. District Six will hold a breakfast meeting during the regional. There will be discussion about changing the District 6 regional tournament schedule in the future to include Charlottesville as a site on an alternating year basis. George serves as the finance chair for District 6, and briefly mentioned his work in that capacity.

George reviewed RBA involvement in the July 23-August 2 District 6 National. RBA will provide the pies and staffing to serve them for about 200 on the same day that a knockout (KO) session will be held called the Richmond Bridge Association KO. Unit 109 is donating the pies and donated \$500 to name the KO.

Doug presented several items for information. Two Hampton Roads units who hold an annual trophy game have asked whether the RBA would like to join the contest. There would be 12 teams to represent each unit, from A-flight down to novice. The current contest is scheduled for May 2009, which is a very busy time for the RBA. We will explore joining the contest for 2010 if the name is changed and pending a few clarifications to the rules. Ed Kinlaw has volunteered to organize RBA teams for the contest.

Several people have asked about Bridgemate and BridgePad. It was decided to not purchase the devices at this time based on feedback from members as well as from two MABC directors. Unit 109 board members will reassess next year.

It was agreed to increase the fee for the Sunday Swiss game at RBA sectionals to \$80 in order to defray expenses for the meal provided.

After discussion there was a motion to authorize the president and past president to offer the Bridge Center \$10,000 for use of the building and cleaning on an annual basis beginning at a mutually agreeable time. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded to pay Friendly Bridge directors \$55/session, Friendly Bridge presenters \$40/session, and the Friendly Bridge manager \$50/month. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to have 500 RBA notecards printed for \$250. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rolfe, Unit 109 Secretary