

Richmond Bridge Association
Unit 109
Board of Directors Meeting
Dec 13, 2014

Board Members Present: Anne Atwood, Becky Duty, Barry Fratkin, Harry Gellis, Tom Kasvin, Ed Kinlaw, Linda MacCleave, and Paul McGowan.

Not present: Pat McDermott, Randall Holden, Deb Gardner, Francis Terminella, and David Prior.

Harry brought the meeting to order at 4:45.

Christmas Mother: We had 28 ½ tables this year compared to last years 22 tables. Barry estimated a profit of \$400 before the RBA \$1000 donation to the Henrico Christmas Mother. The second Saturday in December is a good date for future games.

Discussion of Bridge Center costs. 28% of RBA + Friendly Bridge games are at the Bridge Center. So the owners of the Bridge Center are suggesting charging the RBA 28% of costs. We don't want to include cost of cards, as we use our own cards. Toner costs were paid by Friendly Bridge and were approximately \$2000 this year. Harry suggested the finance committee meet with owners of Bridge Center concerning fees.

Treasurer's Report: Tom presented the finance report and handed out a Balance Sheet and a statement of Revenue and Expenses. He updated us on our filing status with the IRS. A separate bank account has been established for Friendly Bridge and for RBA game. A question arose as to the income from the directory from ads. We will have Francis check into that. Becky suggested that income was probably received in the prior year.

Server and Bridge Mate Lease Issue: Harry stated that the servers cost \$288. The board's original decision was that RBA would pay for bridge mates and the directors would pay for the servers. **Four** servers were purchased for: Paul Anderson and Stanley Ford, the Bridge Center, Rappahannock and Clarksville. After some discussion, Ed moved that we bill the holders of the servers and Bridge Mates \$100 for the right to continue using them as long as they operate the club in Unit 109. Linda seconded and the motion was passed.

Annual Meeting: Since attendance at the annual meeting is low when there is no election, Barry will look into increasing attendance by changing the annual meeting from the 2nd Wed in May, to 5PM Wednesday at the May regional. Barry will research and present ideas for the annual meeting at our next board meeting. The next board meeting will take place Feb 28th between sessions at the Richmond Sectional.

Growing the Game: Bob MacCleave suggested a major problem with growing the game is that the Friendly Bridge players get upset when they play with impolite old timers. We need instructions for experienced players to be friendlier and not argue with each other at the table. Barry suggested this is a universal problem and that we should encourage zero tolerance. Linda suggested a board member get up and speak on being courteous. Anne suggested that we get the experienced players to come to the Thursday night mixed master game.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55