

**Richmond Bridge Association
Unit 109
Board of Directors Meeting
Feb 28th , 2015**

Present: Anne Atwood, Becky Duty, Barry Fratkin, Deb Gardner, Harry Gellis, Randall Holden, Tom Kasvin, Ed Kinlaw, Linda MacCleave, Pat McDermott, and Paul McGowan, David Prior and Francis Terminella.

Absent: Deb Gardner

Harry called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

The first topic of discussion was on sharing of equipment. Ed mentioned that we have a policies and procedures manual that is about 15 years old. Paul suggested we set up policies. Barry said that would be difficult, but instead should just make a list of things that need to get done for every tournament and then have the tournament chair be in charge of making sure all preparations are done. The issue of transportation of pre-duplicated boards was discussed and it was agreed that a playing member could bring them to a tournament. We also discussed the issue of clubs closing their games during tournaments. Fredericksburg has been holding their Friday game during our sectional. Since they are 50 miles away, we agreed that Richmond could hold games during the Fredericksburg sectional. Traditionally, we have not done that. RBA will still require local clubs to not hold games during tournaments.

Cost of RBA game: We discussed the issue of raising the price of the Unit game. Since we are trying to increase attendance, Linda made a motion, to keep the \$6 price the same as it has been. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

Special Events: Harry brought up the issue of promoting the Longest Day, which will be held on a Sunday, June 21st. He signed us up to join with Northern Virginia for the event. After speaking with Margo Hemmings, Harry suggested we make it a Longest Day weekend instead of a Longest Day. So in addition to holding three games on Saturday, He proposed adding a third session to Sunday's schedule to allow for an open game at 9:30. That would be added to the Friendly Bridge games

already scheduled for 1:30 and 6. He is looking for volunteers to organize raffle and various other fundraisers to be held during the games. Linda and Harry will form a committee to think of ideas to raise money for this Alzheimer's event.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Kasvin passed out a balance sheet with totals as of Jan 31st and a statement of Revenue and Expenses. He discussed the issue of the RBA filing for non-profit status. Jean Oakey has filed an extension for filing our taxes while we wait for the IRS approval. Tom filled us in on the directory advertising revenue. The Profit and Loss Statement shows a net loss for the seven months ending Jan 31st of \$1761.80. The RBA has a cash balance of \$30,362.90 as of Jan. 31st, 2015.

Harry adjourned the meeting at 2:50.