

**Richmond Bridge Association**  
**Unit 109**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 20, 2015**

Board Members Present: Becky Duty, Barry Fratkin, Deb Gardner, Harry Gellis, Ed Kinlaw, Tom Kasvin, Pat McDermott, Paul McGowan, David Prior, Linda MacCleave and Francis Terminella

Not present: Anne Atwood and Randall Holden

Harry Gellis brought the meeting to order at 4:45 P.M.

Harry took orders for pizza to be served after the meeting.

Treasurer Report: Tom Kasvin presented \$26,000 in the bank as of the end of April. Fiscal year is July 1st to June 30th. We have \$500 in income this year. Administratively Tom reports that we have made progress toward getting our affairs in order. That is: Tax exempt status has been applied for and our tax return has been filed for 1st

A question was asked about how we raised so much money. Ed and Linda explained that Friendly Bridge has created money for the RBA. Little money was made by Friendly Bridge when it started in 2001. The RBA's sponsorship started in 2003 when Friendly Bridge started seeing a substantial profit, and that money began supplementing the RBA's budget. Since it was not a goal to make a large profit for the RBA, Friendly Bridge, with the approval of the RBA, has increased the directors' and instructors' pay over the years. Friendly Bridge money that had already accrued in the RBA treasury has been used in recent years to help clubs purchase a dealing machine, Bridgemates, and other things that make bridge better for players. Because of Friendly Bridge the RBA has been carrying a profit of \$500 to \$2000 per year.

Awards were announced for Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs.

James Van Fleet	0-5
Donnie Walsh	5-20
Tom Kasvin	20-50
Clay McCaskey	50-100
Parke Messier	100-200
Neil Gilmartin	200-300
Neil Spokes	300-500
Patti Martin	500-1000
Ruth Bellet	1000-2500
Felix Maddox IV	2500-5000
Jim O'Neil	5000-7500
Harry Gellis	7500-10,000

Awards were announced for Mini McKinney.

James Van Fleet	0-5
Donnie Walsh	5-20
Christine D'Ambra	20-50
Clay McCaskey	50-100
Susan Eckis	100-200
Bryan Selz	200-300
Marc Warner	300-500
Patti Martin	500-1000
Becky Duty	1000-2500
Rick Deyerle	2500-5000
Jim O'Neil	5000-7500
Harry Gellis	7500-10,000

Congeniality award: Presented to the deserving Winnie Fratkin.

June open sectional: Will be held June 12th to 14th.

Hampton Roads Trophy game: Was held May 16th with Richmond taking home the trophy.

The Longest Day will be held June 20th at the Bridge Center. Games will be at 9 a.m., 1p.m. and 6 p.m. Profits will benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Duty  
Secretary