

**Richmond Bridge Association  
Unit 109  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 29th, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Pat McDermott, Deb Gardiner, Anne Atwood, Becky Duty, Barry Fratkin, Harry Gellis, Tom Kasvin, Linda MacCleave, and Paul McGowan.

**Not present:** Randall Holden, Francis Terminella, David Prior and Ed Kinlaw.

Harry brought the meeting to order at 2:45.

**May Board Meeting:** Barry summarized the options as: Wednesday night, May 11 at either The Place or The Clarion. Saturday, May 14 appears to have too many conflicts with all the events that occur in May.

If we have a meal similar to two years ago - chicken marsala, baked salmon, meat (roast beef or pork), vegetable, potatoes, bread and butter, tossed salad, dessert, The Place is \$3,264 and Morrissey's is \$1,784 for 100 people. The Place charged us \$500 for the bridge playing area and we had to bring the tables and bid boxes. The Clarion room rent is \$600 and they set up our tables and bid boxes which are already there.

We had a loss of nearly \$4,000 last time. Using the Clarion/Morrissey's would reduce the loss by \$1,400.

My thoughts are these. There are these plusses for The Clarion - 1. Not having to schlep the tables and bidding boxes. 2. Players are used to The Clarion for our events. 3. Morrissey's gives us more for the money because of our continued use. 4. We lose \$1,400 less. The plusses for The Place - 1. Venue is more upscale.

Last time we charged \$15.00/per person and included bridge. We had 25 tables. The approach in the past is that the loss is OK because this our attempt to give back to the membership.

Another overall plus is notifying by email - this will save us \$1,300 in flyer and postage. Barry noted that we have about 750 members and he has current emails for 700 of them. Flyers will also be posted at the clubs and a notice put in Table Talk.

Ann made a motion to have the May dinner at the Clarion on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> and charge \$15 per person. Tom seconded and the motion was passed.

Estelle Roland will be 100 years old. Harry will bring a cake and balloons to the RBA dinner to honor her.

**Finance Committee Report:** Marshall requested 16 bridgmates. Susan MacLaughlin requested reimbursement for the 10 bridgmates she purchased for her game. Becky made a motion to finance both requests. The number of bridgmates for Marshall, will be determined by the committee, based on the highest table count. Susan will receive \$1795 minus the \$100 contract fee. Both will need to sign a contract provided by Harry. Paul seconded and the motion passed.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Linda reported the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee is: Barry Fratkin for president, Anne Atwood for vice president, Tom Kasvin for treasurer and Chris D'Ambra for secretary. The slate for elected board members is: Becky Duty, Paul McGowan, Debra Gardner and Francis Terminella. Linda proposed that we review the by-laws next year to change the term limits on the treasurer and secretary positions. Paul proposed a standing committee for the by-laws with Linda as the chairman.

**Challenge Match:** The date for the match is set for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Barry noted that is the same weekend as the GNT and we would be missing many of our top players. Harry stated that it was too late to change the date. The match will take place in Virginia Beach this year. A motion was passed that we would participate with Ed as captain. He will arrange the teams - 5 stratification - 2 teams in each.

**Recorder Replacement:** A committee composed of Becky Duty, Paul McGowan and Deb Gardiner will find a replacement for Stu Kleiman as recorder. Harry Gellis will fill the position until someone is appointed.

**Sheila Kleiman Congeniality Award:** An email will be sent requesting nominations for the Sheila Kleiman Congeniality Award. At the end of one week the board will vote on the proposed nominees.

**Longest Day Monday June 20th:** Linda believes the Longest Day event should be sponsored by a club and not the RBA. We will support a club should they decide to hold the event, but at this time no club in our unit plans to participate. Paul Anderson's game will be holding a charity event with the proceeds going to the Alzheimer Association.

Barry will send out a list with the dates and times of the four board meetings for the upcoming year.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Duty