

**Richmond Bridge Association
Unit 109
Board of Directors Meeting
June 25th, 2016**

Board Members Present: Anne Atwood, Chris D'Ambra, Becky Duty, Barry Fratkin, Debra Gardner, Harry Gellis, Randall Holden, Tom Kasvin, Ed Kinlaw, Linda MacCleave, Pat McDermott, Paul McGowan

Not Present: Francis Terminella

Barry brought the meeting to order at 1:45.

Board Meetings: Barry opened the meeting by discussing the timing of Board Meetings. A concern was noted that the meeting duration is limited when they are held in between sessions at tournaments. It was recommended that the meetings take place at a time where topics that require longer discussion can be discussed. After some discussion it was decided that the Board Meetings would take place on a Tuesday night at 6pm. Barry will be sending out a schedule of meeting dates.

Improve Unit 109: Barry said that the Board is reaching out to other clubs in Unit 109 to provide support. The RBA has purchased bridgemates for the Marshall Club at a cost of \$2600. Barry noted the most frequent feedback he has received from players since becoming President has been a request to coordinate the replacement of the bridge chairs.

Long Range Planning: There was a discussion that a committee should be appointed to study the long range direction of Richmond Bridge.

Christmas Mother Game: Holding the 2015 Christmas Mother Game on the second Saturday of December continued to be a success with increased attendance. The motion was made to hold the 2016 Christmas Mother Game on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Clarion Hotel. Linda MacCleave moved the motion and it was seconded by Anne Atwood.

Annual Meeting: It will be discussed at a later date whether the Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation will be held in between sessions at the May Regional or will it be its own separate event.

Memorial Game: The Memorial Game is a Bridge Center game that has become a celebration and acknowledgement of the lives of the players that have passed away in the preceding year. It is usually held on a Saturday in January. This game can be held during another month of the year if there is a conflict with the January Winter Sectional.

RBA Unit Game: The BAM game that Ed Kinlaw directs has increased participation in the Wednesday night games. To allow for continuity, it was discussed whether the Unit Game should also be a BAM format. The logistics were discussed in relation to the computer set up of the game and the need to have a stand by pair available. In order to ensure that the Unit Game runs smoothly it was proposed

that there be two Directors at the game. There was a motion that starting with the July 13th Unit Game, Ed Kinlaw will be the second Director and that he will arrange for a stand by pair. The motion was moved by Debra Gardner and seconded by Harry Gellis. The new BAM format will be announced at the Friendly Bridge Games.

Unit 109 2016 -2017 Sectional Dates:

Winter – January 20-22, 2017

St. Patrick's Day – March 17-19, 2017

Summer – June 23-25, 2017

NLM/NAP – September 24-25, 2016

Fall – October 14-16, 2016, October 13-15, 2017

Committees: Linda stated that a new By Laws Committee should be set up. Barry has also been approached by many players that would like to volunteer and become more involved. So Barry would like to include more ways that non board members can volunteer. It was also recommended that the current Secretary should also be the unit's Electronic Contact.

Linda read a current list of the committees and their heads.

Membership – Pat McDermott

Business Manager – Bob MacCleave

Tournament Coordinator – Barry and Winnie Fratkin

Publicity – Linda MacCleave

Hospitality – Anne Atwood

Intermediate/Newcomer – Debra Gardner/Francis Terminella

Charity – Harry Gellis

Education – Ed Kinlaw

NAP/GNT Coordinator – Becky Duty/Anne Atwood

Electronic Contact – Chris D'Ambra

Recorder – Ed Kinlaw

Web Master – Linda MacCleave

Finance – Paul McGowan

Partnership – Debra Gardner/Francis Terminella

Goodwill – Pat McDermott

Events Coordinator – Barry Fratkin

Longest Day: There was a discussion regarding the RBA involvement in the Longest Day but there was no decision made. Harry will be looking into activities for the 2017 Longest Day.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55

Respectfully submitted,
Chris D'Ambra