

**Richmond Bridge Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2016**  
**5:00 p.m. Clarion Hotel**

**Board Members:**

*Present:* Anne Atwood, Chris D'Ambra, Barry Fratkin, Harry Gellis, Randall Holden, Tom Kasvin, Linda MacCleave, Pat McDermott, Paul McGowan, Francis Terminella

*Absent:* Becky Duty Debra Gardner, Ed Kinlaw

*Quorum present?* Yes

**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 5:05 by President, Mr. Fratkin.

June meeting minutes were approved.

**Committee Reports:**

*Financial Report:* Mr. Kasvin reported that the RBA fiscal year ended on June 30, 2016. The group is in a strong financial condition and that the tax returns have been filed. As of the end of the fiscal year the RBA had a cash balance of \$36,000 and an income of \$4,500.

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**Old Business:**

*June Sectional:* Mr. Fratkin reported that the June sectional was very well attended with 220 tables. The average number of tables is usually between 180-190. This was the second largest sectional the RBA has hosted. Barry thought the increased attendance may be attributed to email publicity. Barry has booked good 2017 sectional dates that do not conflict with other regionals and he will continue utilize email publicity.

*RBA By-Laws:* Mrs. MacCleave recommended that a By-Laws Committee be organized to review the current written document. She suggested the committee include two board members as well as two non board members. Ms. McDermott and Mr. McGowan have volunteered to be on the committee and Mr. Gellis recommended that one of the other members be a Bridge Center representative. This committee will meet and report back to the board by either the December or March Meeting.

*Trust Fund:* Mr Fratkin discussed the possibility of forming a charitable organization that would be able to accept tax deductible gifts for the purpose of furthering the game of duplicate bridge in Richmond. There was a short discussion regarding if other groups in

Virginia were doing this. RBA is currently a non-profit organization and not a charitable organization. Mr. Kasvin has agreed to look further into the feasibility of this idea.

*Parliamentarian:* Mr. Fratkin has appointed Ms. Gardner to be the Board's Parliamentarian. She will be responsible for ensuring that the meetings are run smoothly and adhere to the meeting rules.

**New Business:**

*Extra Masterpoints:* Mr. Fratkin indicated the RBA should facilitate more STaC, Club Championship and FUNd Raiser games. A general discussion ensued. While there is a cost involved in putting on a STaC Game Mr. Fratkin feels that the extra game cost would be outweighed by the increased player participation. Mr. Gellis suggested that there be more FUNd games offered since they are less cumbersome. Ms. Atwood stated that Mrs. Pustilnik is working with Ms. MacLaughlin so that Mrs. Pustilnik can offer these games in November and Mr. Fratkin will talk to the Individual Directors to see if they would be willing to promote additional games.

**General:**

Mr. Terminella suggested that the players at the Bridge Center don't understand the distinction between club games which are owned by different parties and the function of the RBA. Mr. Fratkin will address this in the RBA introduction page posted on the web site and it will be included in the Directory. A general discussion of all other matters followed. There being no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Ms. D'Ambra.