

RBA BOARD MEETING

January 25, 2018

3:30 p.m.

The Bridge Center

Present: Anne Atwood, Ernie Bartholomew, Chris D'Ambra, Barry Fratkin, Karen Hamlett, Randall Holden, Debra Gardner, Tom Kasvin, Ed Kinlaw, Linda MacCleave, Francis Terminella

Absent: Becky Duty, Harry Gellis

Quorum present? Yes.

Proceedings: Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. By President, Barry Fratkin and a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the November Board Meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Kasvin provided the Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison and the Profit & Loss YTD Comparison. A discussion of financial matters followed.

Old Business:

Sectional Report: Barry Fratkin provided a summary of the January Sectional.

RBA Game - BAM: Barry Fratkin reported that the ACBL review process is still on hold and the Wednesday night game will continue to be played in its current format.

Christmas Mother: Barry Fratkin reported an increased participation at the Christmas Mother Game and donations were made to the Christmas Mother and to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Annual Meeting: Barry Fratkin reminded the Board that this year's election will be held on May 2, 2018 at the Annual Meeting. Mimi Pustilnik, Anne Atwood and Susan MacLaughlin will be the Nominating Committee and the slate will be emailed to the unit members at least 30 days prior to the election.

Operational Report: Barry Fratkin reminded each Board Member and Committee Head to write a summary of their position(s). It will be used as a tool for people holding the position in the future.

New Business:

Sectional Home: Barry Fratkin reported that the 2019 dates for the Sectionals, Christmas Mother and Annual Meeting games have been approved. There was a discussion about the room's lighting and inclement winter weather situations.

What's Trump: There was a discussion led by Barry Fratkin and Linda MacCleave about the Bridge Center publication What's Trump. RBA contributes \$400 towards the overall \$1200 cost. Barry questioned the cost effectiveness of this expenditure.

Fredericksburg Bus Trip: Barry Fratkin proposed that based on last years success. The RBA should continue to sponsor the Saturday bus trip to the Fredericksburg Sectional. A discussion followed. A motion was made by Ed Kinlaw to sponsor the bus trip and seconded by Linda MacCleave. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about how the RBA can promote the game of bridge.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:05.