

**Richmond Bridge Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2019**

*Present:* Anne Atwood, Chris D'Ambra, Becky Duty, Barry Fratkin, Harry Gellis, Randall Holden, Tom Kasvin, Linda MacCleave, Francis Terminella

*Absent:* Ernie Bartholomew, Debra Gardner, Karen Hamlett, Ed Kinlaw

*Quorum present?* Yes

**Proceedings:**

After a tour of the Guzman Center the meeting was called to order at 4:40 by President, Barry Fratkin. Minutes from the May Annual Meeting have been posted on the RBA web site.

**Committee Reports:**

**Financial Report:** Tom Kasvin reviewed the year end financial reports and informed the group that the tax return has been filed. A discussion of financial matters followed.

**Old Business:**

**The Longest Day:** Barry Fratkin recognized the volunteer work that resulted in Richmond bridge donating over \$5000 to the ACBL Longest Day Program. Anne Atwood will be asking players to join the RBA's 2020 Longest Day Committee.

**Challenge Match:** Barry Fratkin explained that the RBA was unable to field a team to travel to this years Challenge Match and he is working with the host location on related fees.

**New Business:**

**Computer/Printer:** Barry Fratkin explained that a dedicated computer and printer will need to be purchased for the RBA's off site games. Randall Holden volunteered to purchase them at a cost of no more than \$500.

**Change of Venue:** Barry Fratkin discussed the cost benefit of using the Guzman Center instead of the ACCA Temple. There was a more in depth discussion of the new location.

**NAP/NLM:** Barry Fratkin will be notifying the players who qualified for the NAP Games.

**By-Laws:** Barry Fratkin asked that the By-Laws be updated with the changes approved at the May Annual Meeting.

**Friendly Bridge:** Barry Fratkin provided a verbal summary of a meeting that took place with several RBA Board Members and the Friendly Bridge leadership. Barry recognized the significant contributions that both Linda MacCleave and Friendly Bridge provide to the RBA. A further board member discussion followed.

**Sunday Open Game:** Barry Fratkin discussed the logistics of the RBA operating a new monthly open game.

**Other:**

**RBA Member Directory:** Francis Terminella will begin working on the 2020 Directory that will be distributed at the May Annual Meeting. Barry will be working with Francis on the advertisements.

**ACBL Mentoring Program:** Anne Atwood stated that there is an interest in the RBA sponsoring the ACBL Mentoring Program. After a brief discussion the board members asked that a proposal be presented to the group.

A general discussion of all other matters followed. There being no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 6:35.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Chris D'Ambra