

**Richmond Bridge Association  
Board Meeting  
June 29, 2020  
4:30 PM via Zoom Conference Call**

**Participants:** Anne Atwood, Ruth Miles, Tom Kasvin, Barry Fratkin, Landon Woody, Peter Martin, Ed Kinlaw, Randall Holden, Linda MacCleave, Debra Gardner, Chris D'Ambra, Francis Terminella, Karen Hamlett

The minutes from the August 20, 2019 board meeting were approved.

**Elections:** Due to the coronavirus, the annual meeting and elections in May were cancelled. With board approval, the election was carried out via email. Over 200 responded and affirmed the following slate of RBA Officers and Board members for 2020-2022: President – Anne Atwood, Vice-President – Ruth Miles, Treasurer – Tom Kasvin, Secretary – Karen Hamlett, Board Members – Landon Woody, Peter Martin, Ed Kinlaw, Francis Terminella. Additional board members are past-president Barry Fratkin, and the following members, appointed by Anne Atwood: Randall Holden, Linda MacCleave, Debra Gardner, Chris D'Ambra.

**Mentoring:** As stated in our bylaws, the purpose of the RBA is to preserve, promote, and stimulate interest in duplicate bridge. Discussion followed about preserving face-to-face bridge once that is possible again.

The ACBL encourages units to establish a mentoring program and has resources to support mentoring. Chris D'Ambra will lead the mentoring program for the RBA and will establish a committee to design our program. The initial focus has been mentoring in a face-to-face bridge environment. But with the uncertainty of when that will resume, the board encouraged also considering how a mentoring program could work with virtual bridge, and recognized all the advantages BBO offers for learning, with the ability to review bidding and play of the hands in their games.

**Financial Reports:** Treasurer Tom Kasvin provided financial statements through May 2020.

**The Longest Day:** Landon Woody reported that the Longest Day games (June 20-21) to support the Alzheimer's Association received \$2,320 in donations. We do not yet have the additional amount that the Alzheimer's Association will receive from BBO from the entry fees for the Unit 109 games we sponsored.

**Sectionals:** Barry Fratkin reported that dates with the Faison Center can be cancelled with 30 days' notice. The status of the Fredericksburg venue for sectionals needs to be reviewed.

**Directories:** Randall Holden will pick up the new 2020 Directories from the printer and store them at the Bridge Center. A member's only page on the web site is being investigated, and the directories could be made available electronically if that is implemented.

**Friendly Bridge:** Linda MacCleave reported on the status of the Friendly Bridge games on BBO. Some additional games will be added: a 0-200 game on Sunday evenings and an open game on Wednesday evenings. There was discussion about ways to provide education in the virtual environment. Linda MacCleave is currently offering Zoom lessons on Saturdays and holding a hand analysis lesson on Mondays, reviewing some of the hands from the Sunday game.

**Committee Assignments:** The following committee positions were assigned:

Membership: Karen Hamlett

NAP/GNP games: Barry Fratkin

Events Coordinator: Ruth Miles

Publicity: Linda MacCleave

Webmaster: Linda MacCleave (Randall Holden assistant webmaster)

Hospitality: Karen Hamlett

Intermediate/Novice: Chris D'Ambra

Mentoring: Chris D'Ambra

Partnership: Debra Gardner and Francis Terminella

Charity: Landon Woody

Friendly Bridge: Linda MacCleave

Education: Ed Kinlaw

Disciplinary: Ed Kinlaw

Finance: Tom Kasvin

Goodwill: Karen Hamlett

Bylaws: Debra Gardner

**RBA / Friendly Bridge Agreement:** In 2019 an agreement was created between the Richmond Bridge Association and Friendly Bridge. The agreement was approved and signed by both parties in 2019. A Friendly Bridge committee will be established with 3 Friendly Bridge members and 2 RBA members.

**New Business:** There was discussion of the long-term future of bridge in Richmond.

President Anne Atwood adjourned the meeting at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Hamlett  
RBA Secretary