

**Richmond Bridge Association
Board Meeting
October 13, 2020
4:00 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 6/29/2020 board meeting were approved.

Mentoring Program: Chris D'Ambra reported that the September through December mentoring session has 44 partnerships. Most are playing in the Thursday evening game created specifically for the mentor/mentee games, but some are playing in other games as well. Feedback has been very positive and additional feedback will be requested before the start of the next session in January. The RBA supports the program by reimbursing mentor entry fees back to the mentee via BBO credits for two games per month, but it appears the games will be self-sustaining.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Tom Kasvin provided and reviewed financial statements through August 2020.

Friendly Bridge: Linda MacCleave reported that Friendly Bridge now sponsors four games a week on BBO, and a monthly RBA game. There are three directors, Linda MacCleave, Harry Alferink, and Anne Atwood.

Longest Day Game – June 2020: Anne Atwood announced that the RBA was recognized in the October Bridge Bulletin for the \$3886 we raised for the Alzheimer's Association. We were #40 in the Top 40 Teams list.

New Business:

Anne Atwood announced that Barry Fratkin is the new Vice President of District 6 of the ACBL. Barry announced that Anne Atwood is now a member of the ACBL Board of Governors.

Website: The Board authorized Randall Holden to start a free 3-month trial with BridgeWebs to evaluate replacing our current web site with BridgeWebs, which is used by many clubs.

Directory: The 2020 Directories are at the Bridge Center. There was discussion about ways we could distribute the printed directory. Discussion followed about providing online access to the directory. There are concerns and restrictions about making it

available electronically including what permissions would be required. BridgeWebs does allow password access to a membership database. There was discussion about how many people actually want the directory. Barry will ask for feedback in the next newsletter to get input on how many people would like to get a copy of the printed 2020 Directory.

District 6 Charity Foundation: District 6 has \$30,000 from the ACBL Charity Foundation to distribute. Previously, the District has decided how to distribute those funds but this year each Unit in the District will distribute some of the funds, and it has been suggested to support food banks. Landon Woody will provide local food bank information to Anne.

Christmas Mother Game: The RBA will hold two BBO games (Open and 0-500) on December 5 to support local Christmas Mother programs. Entry fees will be higher to provide funds to donate, and we will request additional donations via checks to be mailed in.

Tournaments:

The Richmond Regional scheduled for May 2021 has been canceled.

The ACBL has canceled all tournaments through February 2021. The Fredericksburg sectional scheduled for March 2021 remains on the calendar at this time.

Long-Range Planning Committee: Anne Atwood asked Ed Kinlaw to take the lead in establishing a Long-Range Planning Committee. Ed asked any others who would like to serve on the committee to contact him.

President Anne Atwood adjourned the meeting at 5:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hamlett
RBA Secretary