

**Richmond Bridge Association
Board Meeting
February 23, 2021
4:00 PM via Zoom Conference Call**

Members Present: Anne Atwood, Tom Kasvin, Barry Fratkin, Landon Woody, Randall Holden, Linda MacCleave, Debra Gardner, Francis Terminella, Karen Hamlett, Ed Kinlaw

Members Absent: Ruth Miles, Chris D'Ambra, Pete Martin

The Board of the Richmond Bridge Association met February 23, 2021 via a Zoom conference call. President Anne Atwood reviewed that the purpose of the RBA is to preserve, promote, and stimulate interest in duplicate bridge.

The minutes from the 10/13/2020 board meeting were approved as amended and are on the RBA website.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Tom Kasvin provided and reviewed financial statements through January 2021. Our fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30. Tom reported that for the first seven months of the fiscal year, our revenue exceeds expenses by \$13,800. He commended Linda MacCleave and Friendly Bridge for their success this past year.

Committee Reports

Directories: Francis Terminella reported that about 120 copies of the directory were distributed on January 30 at the Bridge Center, and 10-15 more have been picked up at his home.

Mentoring Program: There are 50 partnerships currently in the program, and three players are currently waiting for a mentor.

Friendly Bridge: Linda MacCleave sent her report prior to the meeting. She reported the profit for Friendly Bridge in 2020 was slightly more than \$14,000. Debra Gardner started a discussion on the fees paid to instructors Linda MacCleave and Ed Kinlaw. Currently they are paid \$25 per lesson, while directors are paid \$50 per game. After a period of discussion, Debra moved that we increase the Instructor fee to \$50 per lesson. The motion was seconded and passed, with one opposed and one abstention.

Tournaments: Barry Fratkin has confirmed with Brian McCann of the Faison Center that we will be able to resume holding our tournaments there, possibly starting later this year. Discussion followed about making a contribution to The Faison Center. Debra Gardner moved that we donate \$500 to The Faison Center. The motion was seconded and passed. Karen Hamlett will draft a letter to accompany the check and forward it to Tom Kasvin and Barry Fratkin.

The Fredericksburg Sectional will not take place this March and the deposit for the facility will carry over to 2022.

Old Business

Web design: Randall Holden did some preliminary investigation with BridgeWebs but will not be making a recommendation.

Long-range Planning Committee: Ed Kinlaw plans to schedule the first meeting in the coming month.

New Business

District 6 Educational Foundation: Anne Atwood announced that we needed a Unit 109 representative to the District 6 Educational Foundation. Debra Gardner volunteered to be the representative.

Longest Day Game – June 2021: Landon Woody will coordinate our participation in the Longest Day games to support The Alzheimer's Association this June. Entry fees will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association and we will encourage additional donations by check or by donating online.

Regionals: In addition to the Richmond regional in May, the Reston, Baltimore, and Chesapeake regionals have also been cancelled for 2021.

District 6 website: Anne Atwood encouraged all to visit the D6 website, www.districtsixbridge.org.

Second Wednesday night bridge game: While we are playing virtual bridge, the second Wednesday night game will be a Bridge Center game but will revert to an RBA game when we return to in-person bridge.

BBO tax charges: BBO began collecting sales tax on \$BBO purchases in January. Thanks to Craig Lester we are no longer being charged the sales tax. He contacted the ACBL and notified them that those purchases are not taxable in Virginia.

President Anne Atwood adjourned the meeting at 5:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hamlett
RBA Secretary