

Richmond Bridge Association
Board Meeting
May 24, 2021
6:00 PM via Zoom Conference Call

Members Present: Anne Atwood, Tom Kasvin, Barry Fratkin, Landon Woody, Randall Holden, Linda MacCleave, Francis Terminella, Ed Kinlaw, Ruth Miles, Chris D'Ambra, Karen Hamlett

Members Absent: Pete Martin, Debra Gardner

The Board of the Richmond Bridge Association met May 24, 2021 via a Zoom conference call. President Anne Atwood reviewed our mission statement that the purpose of the RBA is to preserve, promote, and stimulate interest in duplicate bridge.

The minutes from the 02/23/2021 board meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

Friendly Bridge: Linda MacCleave submitted her monthly Friendly Bridge report prior to the meeting. Friendly Bridge continues to provide a profit to the RBA.

Long Range Planning Committee: Ed Kinlaw reported that the committee has not met yet. Data analysis is being done on the Unit 109 responses to the District 6 survey.

Longest Day: Landon Woody announced the plans for the Longest Day games to support the Alzheimer's Association. There will be two Bridge Center games on June 19 (0-300 and Open), and two Friendly Bridge games on June 20. The entry fee will be \$10 per game, with all going to the Alzheimer's Association except the BBO fees. Online donations will be promoted via our website, newsletter, and emails. Landon will research if there is a way for matching funds from corporations to be designated with contributions. Linda MacCleave made a motion that the RBA contribute \$500 to the Longest Day campaign. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mentoring Program: There are about 45 partnerships currently in the third session of the program and the games average 11-12 tables. The Bridge Bulletin plans to publish an article highlighting our program in the July bulletin.

Tournaments: Barry Fratkin announced that we intend to hold a Sectional tournament Oct. 8-10 at the Faison Center. Discussion followed regarding safety protocols and considerations. Regional tournaments are planned later this year in Atlanta, Charlotte, and Myrtle Beach.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Kasvin provided and reviewed financial statements through April 2021. The RBA has approximately \$75,000 in the bank.

New Business

Bridge Center opening: Anne Atwood reviewed the results of the RBA and Bridge Center survey Mimi Pustilnik sent out looking for input on players' interest in returning to the Bridge Center for face-to-face bridge. Of 67 respondents, 57 planned to play in-person. Most will continue to play some online bridge. Mimi is considering reopening the Bridge Center in July. Discussion followed regarding safety considerations and protocols. There was discussion about when we want to hold the monthly RBA game – Wednesday evening as before or on a Saturday afternoon. The consensus was to change it to a Saturday. The Mentoring game will continue as a virtual game. Anne Atwood will investigate the costs to help replace bidding box inserts for the clubs in Unit 109.

Responsibilities of a business manager: There was discussion about the responsibilities of the business manager vs those of the club manager. Linda MacCleave and Barry Fratkin will work on defining the two roles.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting is normally held in May. Instead, we may hold one in August at the Faison Center, possibly Saturday, Aug. 21.

President Anne Atwood adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hamlett
RBA Secretary

Richmond Bridge Association Board Meeting July 26, 2021

The Richmond Bridge Association held a board meeting July 26, 2021 at 5pm via Zoom.

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

The annual RBA meeting will be held Saturday, August 14 at the Faison Center. Proof of vaccination is required to attend. It will be publicized via the newsletter, emails, the web site, and directors will be asked to promote the game.

The RBA has signed a lease agreement with the Bridge Center for the next six months. The Bridge Center considers this a trial period and will make a decision whether to

continue after these six months. The RBA wants to promote in-person bridge. Discussion followed about the reasons more people have not returned to in-person play, including continued COVID concerns, ease of playing online on BBO, and the extra points BBO has been awarding. Linda MacCleave plans to informally survey the Friendly Bridge players about their attitudes and concerns towards playing in-person, and what will bring them back to in-person play. Ed Kinlaw will be starting the Green Book lessons again following Labor Day and requested help publicizing the classes via the newsletter, flyers, and the web site. The need to verify and record the vaccination status of players was discussed. Anne Atwood will discuss with the directors the requirement to verify that players are vaccinated and will help implement a mechanism to record those who have shown their vaccination cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hamlett
RBA Secretary

RBA Board Minutes – October 18, 2021

The following motions were made and seconded and presented to the RBA Board via email on October 16, 2021.

I, Linda MacCleave, club manager of Friendly Bridge, move that the following changes be made to the point limitations to the Friendly Bridge games:

Sunday afternoon and Tuesday night

Intermediate: Change to 0-750 NLM with the Life master status being monitored by the director.

Sunday Night

Beginner: Change to 0-200 for the beginners, while keeping the learning group at 0-20.

A vote via email was requested of Board members on 10/17/21. President Anne Atwood announced 10/18/21 that the motion passed.