



Richmond Bridge Association Board Meeting March 14, 2023

The Board of the Richmond Bridge Association met at 4pm on March 14, 2023 at the Bridge Center.

Members Present: Debra Gardner, Tom Billups, Anne Atwood, Barry Fratkin, Linda MacCleave, Francis Terminella, John Nestler, Zubair Hassan, Doug Allen, Ed Kinlaw, Karen Hamlett

Members Absent: Peter Martin, Anne Alferink

Fredericksburg Sectional: The March 10-12 Fredericksburg Sectional tournament had 103.5 tables, about 70% of pre-Covid numbers. Excellent food and hospitality were noted.

Wednesday AM Game: Barry Fratkin noted that 6 tables are needed for the game to be viable. Debra Gardner encouraged board members to play in the game.

Sunday Beginner Lessons: The Sunday evening Beginner class started again on March 13. There were 31 new students there. Ed Kinlaw moved that funds for snacks for that game be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Friendly Bridge: Linda MacCleave reported that January was a good month, but that the numbers for February were not yet available. New beginner books have been printed for \$751.54.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Atwood provided the Treasurer's report. We are considering investing \$50,000 in a 1-year CD. Zubair Hassan will check on available rates.

May Regional: The Richmond Regional will be May 22-26. Most regionals are having about 65% of the tables they had pre-Covid. Barry Fratkin is working with Shawn Stringer at the District to finalize the schedule of games. He welcomed input on the proposed schedule. There are plans for a 0-300 game on Tuesday afternoon with a reception following that game for mentors and mentees.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 10 at the Faison Center. Debra Gardner is working with Morrissey's to cater the dinner, and she requested input

on menu options. Debra has ordered the award medallions and has printed award certificates.

Directories and Website: Our Directory was last published in 2020 and needs updating. The desire to have a digital directory led to discussion about our website. We are looking for a volunteer to take over the website. If no one volunteers, a committee will be formed to look at options.

Minutes: The 12/6/2022 and 2/21/2023 Minutes were approved.

University Bridge Teams: Zubair Hassan asked if any local universities have bridge teams. John Nestler will check at VCU.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hamlett, RBA Secretary