

**Richmond Bridge Association
Board Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024**

The Board of the Richmond Bridge Association, Unit 109, met on August 13, 2024 at 4 pm at the Bridge Center and via Zoom.

Members Present: Barry Fratkin, Anne Alferink, Jim Wetzel, Rhysa South, Tom Billups, Margaret Peters, Raun Kilgo, Mathis Powelson, Anne Atwood, Ed Kinlaw, Debra Gardner, Peter Martin, Karen Hamlett

Additional Attendees: Harry Alferink (Club Manager), Judy Chvala (Webmaster)

Call to Order and Minutes Approval: President Barry Fratkin welcomed all to the Board meeting. The minutes from the June 4, 2024 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Anne Atwood reviewed that Bank Account and CD balances total approximately \$92,000. There is a \$25,000 CD currently earning 3.86 % interest. It will roll over August 22 to a CD earning 5% interest. She plans to move approximately \$20,000 from Wells Fargo to the Credit Union Money Market account, leaving approximately \$20,000 at Wells Fargo for paying bills. Anne stated that we need to make a change to our Bylaws to change our fiscal year end date from May 31 to June 30, to align with IRS requirements. RBA membership approval will be required.

Monday Online Game: Club Manager Harry Alferink submitted a proposal prior to the meeting to eliminate our 6:35 PM 0-500 Monday online game and to encourage the players to play instead in the SE Carolina 0-799 game on Monday evening at 7pm. We receive a portion of the entry fee back from SE Carolina games. Discussion followed and we decided to survey the participants prior to making a decision.

Committee Reports:

Alzheimer's Fund Raiser: Karen Hamlett reported for Landon Woody that our Alzheimer's Association fund raising game in June raised \$7,970 for the Alzheimer's Association. Anne Atwood noted that the ACBL does still collect \$5+ for each table. Landon has announced that she is retiring from Charity Chair duties. We need someone to accept that role. Landon will work closely with the individual who takes over. Contact Barry if you are willing to assume that responsibility.

Webmaster: Judy Chvala noted that some members have questioned why the online member directory does not have emails and phone numbers for most members. We require the individual to opt in to have their contact information shared. There are instructions on our web site for setting this up. Currently, a small percentage of our players have done this. We need to educate and encourage our players to enable the sharing of that information and to make use of the directory on the website. Raun Kilgo

offered to help. It was also noted that our old website URL is no longer being redirected to the new BridgeWebs URL. Following the meeting, Raun Kilgo corrected the URL that Google will use.

Audio/Visual: Raun Kilgo has set up the wall mounted TV monitor so that we can project information onto that screen from the computer. Directors can use that now to project final results onto the screen. Raun will work with Linda MacCleave to help her implement using the tv screen in her lessons. Raun also plans to use it to educate the Sunday night participants on using the RBA website, the ACBL website, and other sites with useful information.

Richmond Regional 2025: Barry Fratkin reviewed the change implemented by District 6 with respect to Regionals. While the Richmond Regional in 2023 made money (for the District), most Regionals lost money. Going forward, the Unit will assume all financial responsibility for any Regional, and any proceeds will go to the Unit, not the District. Barry has been negotiating with the Doubletree about holding a Regional there in May 2025. Once a final contract is available, Barry will come back to the Board with a proposal for Board approval.

Alley and Parking Paving: Barry Fratkin, with the help of Robert Pollard, has found a company to pave the parking lot and alley for \$4,900. Following discussion, Jim Wetzel moved that the Board approve spending \$4,900 to pave the parking lot and alley. The motion was seconded and passed. The work will be done in late August.

New Southside Game: Multiple players have expressed interest in having a game on Southside. Martha Mullen has investigated places for a game. St. Francis Hospital has a Community Room that they will make available without charge. It will require moving some heavy furniture before and after each game. Martha was not present for the latest details. Anne Atwood suggested holding games on first Fridays.

Renovation: Barry Fratkin will soon order the final acrylic poster showing donors for the Bridge Center renovation. Approximately \$46,000 dollars was donated.

New Business: Barry Fratkin announced that Anne Atwood has been nominated to the District 6 Hospitality Committee.

Barry updated the Board on an issue where Peter Martin expected \$125 to be given back to him following the sale of a framed print at the Alzheimer's game. The purchaser's check went to the Alzheimer's Association. Raun Kilgo moved that the RBA write a check for \$125 to Peter Martin. The motion was seconded and passed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hamlett
RBA Secretary