

**Richmond Bridge Association
Board Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2026**

The Board of the Richmond Bridge Association, Unit 109, met on Monday, August 31, 2026, at 4:00 pm at the Bridge Center.

Attendees: Ed Kinlaw, Barry Fratkin, Patty Bell, Tom Billups, Jim Wetzel, Mathis Powelson, Courtney Mustin, Diane Becken, Nancy Golden, Zubair Hassan, Harry Alferink, Judy Chvala, Karen Hamlett

Call to Order and Minutes Approval: President Ed Kinlaw called the meeting to order at 4pm and noted that a quorum was present. The minutes from the May 13, 2026 annual meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Kinlaw reviewed Treasurer Darlene Selz' financial report. The balance in our Wells Fargo and Credit Union accounts is \$116,852.11. For the fiscal year July 2025 through June 2026, our net revenue over expenses was \$11,649.70. It was moved and seconded to approve the Financial Report.

Committees: Ed Kinlaw reviewed the current Committee assignments. The following updates were made: Education Liaison – Tom Billups; Finance – Darlene Selz. Rhysa South will be asked if she will continue as Parliamentarian and also be the Bylaws contact. Karen Hamlett will look for a replacement for Goodwill contact.

Bathroom Improvement Project: Karen Hamlett reviewed the work by the committee (Tom Billups, Teresa Walsh, Emily Tucker, Karen Hamlett) to evaluate and implement improvements to the bathrooms. The committee asked the RBA Board to approve spending up to \$10,000 of RBA funds on improvements. This was approved by the Board in May. After the work began, Tom Rosenthal and Scott Belleman came forward and issued a fund-raising challenge to our players: they would match up to \$3500 of contributions from our players. Our generous players have contributed \$5000, and we have received the \$3500 matching gift. Ed Kinlaw will send an email thanking our players who contributed to the fund-raising challenge. Ideas for how to spend these funds are being evaluated. Tom Billups and Karen Hamlett will coordinate ideas for how to best use these funds.

October Sectional and NAP Final: Barry Fratkin reviewed that the fall sectional will be October 9-11 at the Drury Hotel. A free breakfast will be offered on Friday and Saturday. There will also be a District 6 NAP finals competition for Flights B and C on Saturday, October 10 at the Bridge Center.

Updated Directory: Our RBA Directory has not been updated for six years. There is Board support to create a new Directory. Board members support a printed directory. ACBL

requirements for using personal information were reviewed. Ed will contact Francis Terminella, who has led this effort in the past. Karen Hamlett volunteered to help with this project.

New Bridgemates: There is interest in obtaining the new Bridgemate III devices. We can purchase 25 Bridgemates, a server, and charging and storage cases for approximately \$6,000.

Additional Games: Ed Kinlaw plans to schedule a team game for a Saturday in September. Harry Alferink will schedule a Golden Club Championship game which awards all gold points. There is interest in additional Saturday games, such as a Pro-Am game, and additional team games. There will be a Friendly Bridge 25th Anniversary Celebration Game on Friday, September 25. Special games need to be publicized. Note: Following the meeting Harry Alferink scheduled the Golden Club Championship for Dec. 5.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16 at 4 pm at the Bridge Center.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hamlett
RBA Secretary