

**Richmond Bridge Association  
Annual Meeting  
May 10, 2023**

The Richmond Bridge Association held its annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 10 at 6:15 PM at the Faison Center.

President Debra Gardner called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the annual dinner, meeting, and bridge game.

The April 27, 2023 minutes were approved.

**Treasurer** Anne Atwood noted that revenue did exceed expenses over the past 10 months. She stated that the current balance is approximately \$75,000 - \$80,000. There was some discussion about the new lease for the Bridge Center building.

**Awards:**

Debra Gardner presented the 2022 Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney awards. She announced Rhysa South as the winner of the RBA Bob MacCleave award for 0-500 points. Additional RBA award winners were 500-2500 points - Chris D'Ambra; 2500-5000 points – Patti Martin; over 5000 points – Harry Gellis. The Sheila Kleiman Congeniality Award was presented to Bruce Barr.

**New Business:**

Debra Gardner reviewed that the Bridge Center building has been sold and thanked Barry Fratkin and Anne Atwood for their efforts to negotiate a lease with the new owner. Bobby Pustilnik spoke about the history of the Bridge Center which was established in 1962. Dickie Hamilton, one of the original owners of the Bridge Center, offered comments as well. Barry Fratkin reviewed the events since the Pustilniks' decision to sell the Bridge Center. The RBA signed a six-month lease with the new owner, 1911 Bishop LLC, on May 1, 2023. The owner has replaced the air conditioning system, and made roof and sewer line repairs. Barry thanked Zubair Hassan for his success in obtaining a donation from Wells Fargo which has allowed us to purchase new tables. Barry reviewed other improvements that we want to make at the Bridge Center and announced that there will be a fund-raising campaign to help pay for these improvements. The sanctions for all games at the Bridge Center have been transferred to the RBA Friendly Bridge Club.

The meeting was adjourned by Debra Gardner at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Hamlett  
Richmond Bridge Association Secretary