

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION HELD AT TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011.

Present at the meeting were: Charlie Adrion, Paul Cherin, Pat Clark, Mary Lou Lawson, Sue Powell, Gerry Ride, Lois Sanders, Kathy Toole, John Volpel and Warren Marsland. Absent were Marshall Atwell and Barbara Bardeschewski.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by John Volpel, President. The following items were discussed:

- The January 18, 2011 minutes and the financial statements were accepted.
- Charlie Adrion reported on the upcoming spring sectional.
 - He will contact the director regarding potential hotel arrangements.
 - The balance of the rent (\$200) needs to be paid before March 26.
 - The caddy is needed only for Sunday and he will be paid \$30 per session.
 - Arrangements will be made to transport the tables from Lakeville to the VFW. It was agreed to give a free play to Bill Foster, who has offered his assistance. Charlie will speak to Marge Spence regarding table storage after the sectional.
 - Bill Foster volunteered to head the partnership committee.
 - Sue Powell and Kathy Toole suggested that we serve donuts only on Sunday morning as the savings are substantial. The Board agreed to this.
 - Mention was made that the spring tournament was intended to be dedicated to Ann Hoylman. The fliers will be revised to reflect the "Ann Hoylman" Pairs game on Saturday.
 - Mary Lou has sent notices advertising the tournament to the D&C and Messenger Post.
- Lois Sanders reported on the Good Will Award. She is having the award engraved and will present it to Dick Wilson at the sectional.
- RABA Special Events:
 - Paul reported that the RABA Open Pairs will be held on Tuesday, April 12. It was agreed to offer a free play to players that bring a partner who joins the ACBL that day.
 - A Pro-Am game will be held the evening of May 19. Discussion followed regarding a random vs. arranged match of players. Many agreed that a random match was more in the spirit of the pro-am.
 - A Team of Four game is being planned. There was discussion in regards to making this a memorial game honoring deceased bridge players.
- Mary Lou Lawson reported on duplimate cost. Figures thus far indicate that RABA is losing money and the Board needs to brainstorm ideas for reducing these costs.
- Paul reported that discussion has started regarding the 2013 regional to be held at the RIT Field House. Margie Spence (Regional co-chair) has given her approval; however, and Gerry Radway (co-chair) also needs to inspect the site and give her approval.

- Paul and Charlie are researching possible sites for the summer sectional to be held in early July. .

- Other Business:
 - Lois reported that the new RABA Directory is being completed. She anticipates completion by May or June.
 - Mary Lou requested that she be designated as the Youth Bridge Teacher Coordinator for the RABA area. A motion was made and approved as to this request.
 - Margie is to be notified regarding printing of name tags for board members.

- John discussed the annual activity schedule that he previously sent to board members. He also discussed the need for a budget. Mary Lou volunteered to put together some figures for discussion at the next meeting.

- Our next board meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. Because Temple B'rith Kodesh will be unavailable, Sue Powell offered to hold the meeting at her home.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Lou Lawson, Secretary