

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE SUE POWELL'S HOME, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK ON MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011.

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

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

- The March 7, 2011 minutes, as modified, and the financial statements were accepted.
- Spring (March 26-27) Sectional:
 - Income and expenses were reviewed. A profit of approximately \$1,000 was made. In total, there were 82 and ½ tables played.
 - The board reviewed the work of the director and caddies.
 - Except for the absence of bidding boxes, which was resolved with the help of our bridge players, the sectional went well. John Volpel has a tournament checklist which he will send to board members to be discussed at our next meeting.
- Paul Cherin reported on the Summer (July 9-10) Sectional:
 - The sectional will be held at the VFW in Fairport. Because of parking issues at the Spring Sectional, the VFW will cordon off spaces for their members.
 - Charlie Adrion has agreed to chair. Volunteers need to be assembled for the Food, Publicity and Logistics Committees.
 - A policy regarding discount entry fees for students needs to be researched.
- Committee Reports:
 - *Duplimate*: Mary Lou Lawson presented the final report on duplimate costs/revenue. While we are breaking even on duplimate costs, hand record copy cost is a problem. Some cost savings suggestions were discussed. Warren was directed to cut hand records by 20%. John will be creating a budget for RABA, which will include duplimate costs.
 - *2013 Regional*: Marge Spence reported that a "regional site requirements" document is being created and will be ready shortly. Indications are that the RIT location should be approved for the Regional.
 - *RABA Special Events*: The May 19 Pro-Am game was discussed. Paul will create sign-up sheets for Life Masters and non-Life-Masters, as well as publicity fliers. A pro-am team of 4 is tentatively scheduled for June 19.
 - *Communications*: The RABA website was discussed. Paul Cherin was appointed chairperson and is charged with communicating with Ed Reppert regarding input to the website. Ed will be invited to attend our next meeting so we can discuss the site with him.
 - Name badges were ordered with Marge and Mary Lou will print the inserts.

- Old Business: Lois is awaiting the return of “snow birds” in order to complete printing the revised RABA Directory.
- New Business:
 - The Fall Sectional dates were changed to October 22 and 23, 2011. Grand Island regional dates are 10/11 through 10/16 and the Lancaster regional begins October 31. The Board authorized Mary Lou to book the Knights of Columbus location in Webster, NY. Mary Lou will serve as tournament chair.
 - Audit and Nominating committee members were approved as follows: Audit committee – Lois and Mary Lou; Nominating committee – Peg, Kathy and Mary Lou.
 - The Board discussed the issue of zero tolerance. It was agreed that the directors have to enforce the rules. Marge directed us to the ACBL website (www.acbl.org/play/zeroTolerance.html) for information regarding procedures.
- Our next board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 18, 2011** at 4:00 P.M. at Temple B'rith Kodesh.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Lou Lawson, Secretary