

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION HELD AT TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH ON MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011.

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

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

- The April 18 2011 minutes, as revised, and the financial statements were accepted.
- Summer (July 7-8) Sectional:
 - Income and expenses were reviewed. A profit of approximately \$900 was made. In total, there were 96 and ½ tables played.
 - The board reviewed the work of the director and caddies.
 - There is a need for tickets when we sell food on Sunday.
 - A complaint was made regarding the stratification of Flight A. There was discussion regarding expanding Flight B teams to 2000 points with Flight A for players with 2000+. A question was asked if there would be enough Flight A teams to warrant the change.
- Ed Reppert attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the RABA website. It was agreed that Paul Cherin would meet with him one on one to address issues that have been brought up in the past by the Board. Paul will report back to the Board.
- Mary Lou Lawson reported that the Fall Sectional will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Webster. She will create a flier advertising the tournament. The Board agreed that there will be a free 0-5 MP game on Saturday morning. Committees will be formed in early September.
 - **Committee Reports:**
 - *Nominating:* Mary Lou Lawson reported that information regarding board expectations was created to give to players interested in running for the Board. This will enable potential nominees to understand obligations and expectations of the RABA Board. Nominees should be in place by early September with balloting to commence mid-September. The Annual Meeting will be held at the October sectional with notice announced at club games and included on our website by September 20.
 - *2013 Regional:* Paul Cherin reported that he completed a budget for a regional which will be reviewed by the District. He said there was a need for sponsors to generate additional funds.
 - *RABA Special Events:* Paul reported that the last Pro-Am game was successful. We netted a profit of \$92, which included a \$25 donation from Bruce Toder. A Team of 4 game will be held in September. The event will be two-sessions with a dinner in between. The Board agreed that the event should be held on a Sunday.
 - Mary Lou will print name badges inserts for the board.

- *Duplimate*: The cost of printing hand records was discussed. Cindy Reid has offered to print at a cost of 2 1/2¢ per copy. After some discussion, it was agreed that we continue the process that Warren has in place. He was asked to adjust the number of copies printed to the attendance at the games. We will, however, use Cindy to copy hand records for the Fall sectional.

- Old Business:

- Mary Lou requested that RABA issue a special edition of the RABA newsletter with information regarding zero tolerance. She suggested that we ask Carol VanDerVoorn to write the article. She also suggested that a anonymous survey be conducted regarding bridge players (age, education, income, etc.). This information would be needed for potential sponsors.
- It was agreed to swap spring sectional dates with Ithaca at their request. The date for the Spring 2012 sectional will be May 19 instead of April 29.
- John reminded the Audit Committee to schedule the audit of RABA finances.

- Old Business:

- Charlie Adrion agreed to examine the issue of non-profit status for the Board.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 29, 2011** at 4:00 P.M. at Temple B'rith Kodesh.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Lou Lawson, Secretary