

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION HELD AT TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH ON MONDAY, AUGUST 29 2011.

Present at the meeting were: Charlie Adrion, Marshall Atwell, Paul Cherin, Peg Clark, Mary Lou Lawson, Warren Marsland, Sue Powell, Gerry Ride, Lois Sanders, Kathy Toole, John Volpel, 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 July 18, 2011 minutes and the financial statements were accepted.
- 2011 RABA Elections:
 - The following players will be running for election to the RABA board: Gail Gucker, Susan McCartney, Lois Sanders, Gary Smith, Sandy Stockton and Coby Valenza. Incumbents, Marge Spence and Peg Clark, will be running for reelection as Unit representatives.
 - Ballots and biographical detail will be available at games the week of September 25. Voting will continue until October 17 with results announced at the annual meeting on October 22 (Fall sectional).
 - An announcement of the annual meeting will appear on the RABA website by September 20.
- A motion was made and passed to donate \$50.00 towards refreshments for the 199er tournament to be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011.
- There was a discussion regarding the RABA website. A motion was made and passed to purchase software for use in upgrading the website; cost not to exceed \$200.00. Paul Cherin and Ed Reppert will meet with Jim Bailey to coordinate work on the website.
- The board agreed to maintain Flight A stratification ≥ 1500 points at the Fall 2011 sectional. Cindy Reid will produce hand records for the sectional.
- Committee Reports:
 - *Regional*: Paul Cherin reported that Rochester was turned down for the 2013 regional. He reported that \$10,000 and a site at a hotel would be needed before we could be considered for 2014. There was discussion regarding the need for sponsors and/or fundraising.
 - *RABA Special Events*: Paul reported that a Pro-Am afternoon game will be held sometime in November. The Team of 4 event will be held in late March 2012.
 - *Audit*: Mary Lou and Lois will schedule a meeting with Warren to complete the audit before the next meeting.

- Old Business:

- The issue of zero tolerance was discussed. Mary Lou reported that Carol VanDerVoorn was asked to write an article.
- A draft of name badges was circulated. Badges will be printed and available by the Fall Sectional.
- The Board encouraged Lois to ask Dick Wilson for the RABA member list in order to complete the RABA directory.
 - Charlie Adrion reported that there was a \$400 filing fee to NYS to apply for non-profit status.

- New Business:

Peg Clark requested that RABA pay the \$50 fee for any interested RABA member to take the ACBL teaching training class in Lancaster, PA. A motion was made and passed to pay the fee for up to three candidates.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 7, 2011** at 4:00 P.M. at Temple B'rith Kodesh.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Lou Lawson, Secretary