

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012**

Present: Charlie Adrion, Marshall Atwell, Paul Cherin, Gail Gucker, Mary Lou Lawson, Warren Marsland, Sue Powell, Lois Sanders, Sandy Stockton, Kathy Toole and John Volpel. Absent was Gary Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by John Volpel, President. The following items were discussed.

Paul moved we accept the minutes from the last meeting. Lois seconded it. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: In regard to sectionals, Warren would like to see comparisons; such as Spring Sectional 2012 to 2011. He would also like to see a breakdown of income and expenses and asked that the Board receive a detailed journal of the entries each month. The Board agreed they would be happy with a summary; however, a detailed statement would be provided to the President by the Treasurer. Mary Lou will always bring the detailed sheet with her. Warren requested a copy. Treasurer's report accepted with recommended changes. Sue made a motion to accept it. Motion approved.

Spring Sectional: May 19 & 20 – will be held at the Webster Recreational Center, Chodya Dr. (off Phillips Rd). Committees need to be put together. They do have enough chairs and possibly may have sufficient tables. If tables are needed, we will need a truck to transport them. Need a director assigned. ACBL needs to be informed regarding the sectional. Contact person on the ACBL website should be changed from Warren to Mary Lou. Supplies are kept at Sue Barocas' house.

Mary Lou volunteered to keep track of our tournaments and informing ACBL of them.

RABA games: Team of 4 will be held on March 25 – Legacy at Willowpoint. There is no cost for the facility. Mary Lou is checking into how much a director would charge per session.

Lois said the current fee for unit sectionals which includes bridge and lunch is \$20.00; however, Lois and Warren suggested that the price be \$24.00 per person. We will try to have a separate 299'er game. It was suggested the first session start at 10:00 am and the second session would probably be at 1:30 p.m. after lunch.

Goodwill Award: Ricky Briggs was nominated at the last meeting; however, it was discovered he had already received this award; therefore, a new recipient needed to be chosen. After much discussion, the Board voted on and approved the award be given to Margie Spence. Lois will be responsible for having Margie's name engraved on the trophy which will be presented at the March tournament.

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RABA Committees:

Nominating Committee – Charlie volunteered to be Chairman.

Publicity Committee - In the past we have had problems getting publications to include our tournaments. Paul suggested Cindy Reid be Chairman of this committee since she already is sending out flyers.

Tournament Committee – Mary Lou volunteered to be Chairman of this committee.

Awards and Trophy – Need to keep a list of past winners of awards the Board has given out. Sandy volunteered.

Audit – Since the next audit isn't due until July 31 it was decided that we could wait to appoint a committee for this.

Directory – Lois and Mary Lou will work together to update this directory.

Summer Sectional (July 7 & 8)

This will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Webster. Sue volunteered to be Chairman of this sectional – Gail, Kathy and Marshall will also assist her.

Mary Lou said the dates are locked in for the VFW in Perinton for 2013.

Charlie made a suggestion that, if possible, we try to find a place where all sectionals are held.

Duplimate Machine:

The printing of the hand records has changed – Cindy Reid now does them. This cost therefore is now half of what it was. Much discussion was held in regard to the printing costs. Marshall suggested that bridge players be asked to pay for copies. Lois suggested if everyone put in \$5.00 a year it would help with the cost of printing. Marshall will put together a written statement regarding duplimate costs which will be presented to the bridge community for input. Mary Lou said we will keep monitoring the amount for duplimate costs.

Old Business:

Lois attended the Unit meeting and informed the committee of tournament date changes:

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Rainbow Sectional – April 14 & 15 in Waterloo. Proceeds from this tournament will go to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. Lois suggested maybe a box could be put out at our bridge games around the 1st week of April to collect donations.

Ithaca tournament – April 28 & 29

Watertown – June 9 & 10

Stat game – May 7 – 13

199 Sectional – September 29 & 30

National - Philadelphia, PA – July 12-22 – discussion concerning having bus transportation to the tournament.

New Business:

Bruce agreed to give a discount (half price) if a Pro played with an Amateur (fewer than 200 points) on Thursday evenings during the month of February

A suggestion was made that Bruce put his calendar up on the RABA website.

Discussion was held on redesigning the website. Marshall said we should look at some other sites; such as Pittsburgh, and then present the findings to Ed Reppert.

The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2012.

Charlie made a motion we adjourn the meeting, Gail seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary