

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

Present: Marshall Atwell, Phil Clark, Kathy Landon, Mary Lou Lawson, Warren Marsland, Susan McCartney, Sue Powell, Lois Sanders, Sandy Stockton, Kathy Toole, Coby Valensa and John Volpel . Guests: Charlie Adrion, previous Board Member, and Margie Spence, Unit Rep. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by John Volpel, President, who welcomed new members Kathy Landon and Phil Clark to the Board.

Election of Officers: Charlie, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the following individuals had agreed to run: John Volpel, President; Lois Sanders; Vice-President; Sandy Stockton, Secretary; and Mary Lou Lawson, Treasurer. John asked if there were any other nominations. Since there was no opposition or changes to the slate, nominations were closed and the slate was unanimously elected. Member-at-Large - Margie Spence was nominated and elected to serve another term.

Approval of Minutes: Lois made a motion the minutes be accepted as amended. Phil seconded it.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Lou submitted the Treasurer's Report as well as well as figures from the Fall Sectional and the Honor Flight Charity Event. Discussion then occurred in regard to the sectionals and possible changes. Mary Lou said we are making money on the sectionals. Figures show that the table count for the 299er's stayed the same but open pairs count declined. Warren handed out copies of the Unit 112 tournament table count which indicated that attendance was down about 10 percent. However, Margie said the table count for the Liverpool regional in August was up 25 percent (the previous year was way down though). Lois moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as given; Kathy Toole seconded it.

299er's – Coby stated that the 299er's won't come to a sectional unless they can play in their own section and at the last sectional they contributed a lot. Susan suggested John send a thank-you to them for coming and bringing food. John will go to the game on Tuesday and Wednesday to express our appreciation. Kathy Toole said that announcements on Tuesdays need to be made from the middle of the room and not at the end so all players can hear. Sue said that many don't know about the RABA website. It was suggested they should be informed every week in order to get people interested in analyzing boards, pictures, etc. Also, inform them of the availability of tournaments. Pro-Am – they don't know about Bruce. Sue Powell suggested they have to be encouraged to ask "A" players to play with them. Tournament Chair has to insist on having 299er games. Come up with more good ideas for 299er's to get involved.

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Promote Committee Membership: Mary Lou said the play sites for 2013 are all set up. RABA games – Pro Ams and Charity events need to be set – dates should be put on the calendar for next year. We need unit sanctions for one-day events too. Future RABA Events: Pro Am, Team of 4 and Charity and Open (Life Master w/ Nonlife Master) dates need to be set.

Charity Event: Was very successful – American Legion said we could have their place for free next year. The donation to Honor Flight was \$1,205.00.

2013 Sectional Dates:

April 6-7 – Webster Recreation Center * (Sue & Phil will be Co-Chairmen)

July 13-14 – Webster Recreation Center*

October 12-13 Knights of Columbus

*(Paul made the initial contact to rent Webster Recreation at \$450)

Also, the following Regional dates have been set:

Saratoga – June 10, 2013

Grand Island – June 25, 2013

Mary Lou said she would send me the dates of all the sectionals.

A suggestion was made that we supply information about our tournaments to the St. Catherine's Club in Ontario.

Good Will Award:

The Board unanimously approved a candidate. Margie will have the name engraved on the plaque. A date for the presentation will be decided at the next Board meeting.

Directory of Members – Will take off the agenda since interest is dwindling. Mary Lou said maybe we could have a permanent place for them at the bridge site.

Regional Status – John Marks is coming to look at the RIT Inn and Conference Center site. Gerry Radway was invited but will be unable to attend. Warren stated that the Unit Board should be running any regional not RABA.

Audit Committee: About half done – need to meet again to finish going over all the figures.

Old Business:

John will send out a note to the previous members thanking them for their service.

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New Business:

Sue Powell suggested we start our meetings at 3:30 instead of 4:00 p.m. Sue made a motion in this regard; Sandy Stockton seconded it.

Mary Lou suggested we divest RABA of duplimate operation next year. At the present time Warren and Doug get paid for doing all the boards. There might be a legal issue regarding RABA's negligence to issue a 1099, which is an IRS requirement. Discussion ensued regarding the value of the duplimate machine and who would be responsible for hand records.

Sue Powell moved we adjourn the meeting; Kathy Toole seconded it.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.