

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY  
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013**

Present: Marshall Atwell, Kathy Landon, Mary Lou Lawson, Warren Marsland, Susan McCartney, Sue Powell, Lois Sanders, Sandy Stockton, Kathy Toole, Coby Valensa, John Volpel and Unit Rep. Margie Spence. Absent: Phil Clark

The meeting was called to order by John at 3:30 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved with changes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Lou reported that the Team of 4 Event made approximately \$500. Some questions were raised about how certain figures on the report were listed. Mary Lou will send a revised report to John with the clarifications.

**Spring Sectional Review:** Saturday there were 8 ½ tables in the 299er Section in the morning. The regular section had 18½ in the morning and 16 tables in the afternoon. There were 20 tables plus 4 newcomer tables on Sunday for the Swiss. The proceeds were \$1308 (the director gave Mary Lou a check for \$1200). The director had certificates for 22 free plays (awards) and a free play for Charlie Adrion and Ricky Briggs for their help with the tables.

Sue Powell was praised for chairing the tournament. She indicated she talked to several people who were unhappy with the director. However, it was brought up that the director had several problems which contributed to the tournament not starting on time. Sue also praised Marshall for his help at the tournament and felt he should be given a free play.

Coby talked to the director about moving the 299er Section since the noise from the regular section was disruptive to them.

**Summer Sectional:** This sectional is scheduled for July 13 & 14 and will be held at the Webster Recreational Center again. Kathy, Co-Chairman, said she would like to have sandwiches, chips and cookies on Sunday. Mary Lou will post the flyer for the sectional as soon as a decision is made on the food for Sunday.

**Pro-Am Game:** Marshall will chair the event. He will check with Cheryl whether Tuesday, August 20, would be a good date for the event.

**Charity Game:** Mary Lou said that this game will be held September 15 at the American Legion in Webster and will benefit Wounded Warriors. Ricky has volunteered to do the cooking. After discussion, the Board requested the date be changed to September 8.

**Youth Bridge:** Mary Lou asked for money to pay for Pizza and Pop for her high school program at Pittsford. This was approved by the Board. A suggestion was made that possibly a Pro-Am event could be held with this group.

**Good Will Award:** The Good Will recipient gets to keep the plaque for a year and starting next year the recipient will be given a free play.

**Directory Sales:** Coby and Kathy Toole did a great job of selling the directories to the 299er group.

**Nominating Committee:** John and Coby were placed on this committee. A slate will be needed by the beginning of September.

**Audit Committee:** Warren and Kathy Landon will chair this committee. Phil may be added as a member.

**Permanent Partnership Person:** Sue Powell suggested we have one person from the 299er group and one from the regular section. Tony Auriemma is willing to be the Chairman for the remaining two sectionals this year. Susan McCartney agreed to help.

**Duplimate:** Mary Lou submitted a proposal that the operation of the duplimate machine be turned over to the directors. John said the directors he talked to were not in favor of turning it over. Even though it may be losing money the duplimate operation is money well spent by RABA to promote bridge in the Rochester area. After much discussion, John made a motion to keep the duplimate operation the way it is for now. The majority agreed. Susan will be in charge of working out a plan for the operation of the duplimate; Lois and Kathy Landon agreed to work with her on that committee.

**New Business:** Kathy L. received an e-mail from a member about a mentoring program. The Board felt that we do some mentoring on a small basis now via the Pro-Am.

**The next Board meeting is Monday, June 24 at 3:30 p.m.**

Sue Powell made a motion we adjourn the meeting; Susan McCartney seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary RABA