

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013**

**Present:** Phil Clark, Gary Conners, Gary Gottermeier, Kathy Landon, Susan McCartney, Jane Romal, Lois Sanders, Sandy Stockton, Coby Valensa, and Jerry Weiss. **Absent:** Jan Eggar and Kathy Toole.

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

Lois welcomed the new Board members.

**Election of Officers:** Coby presented the slate of officers for 2013-2014: The following officers were elected: President – Lois; Vice-President – Phil; Secretary – Sandy; and Treasurer – Kathy Landon. These officers will serve a one year term from November this year until elections next year.

**Approval of Minutes:** Phil made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Gary Conners seconded it. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Phil submitted the October Treasurer's Report which Mary Lou Lawson had prepared. Phil moved we accept the report; Jerry seconded it.

**Audit Committee Report:** The committee submitted a memo in regard to a financial audit. It was recommended that the Board should set up certain guidelines re: financial reports. Jane said that the ACBL was meeting presently to set certain guidelines regarding financials. Jane will sit on the Audit Committee along with Phil Clark, Kathy Landon and Warren Marsland.

**Tournament Schedule:** RABA holds three sectionals as well as a team game and a charity game each year. The following sectional tournaments are scheduled for 2014:

April 12 & 13 – Webster Recreational Center

July 12 & 13 (site to be determined);

October 11&12 - Knights of Columbus in Webster

Jerry Weiss volunteered to be our Tournament Coordinator. He will be responsible for the advance work for our Sectionals and RABA events.

**STAC Games:** Need to make sure that club owners are aware of the dates. Phil volunteered to get more information out about STAC games to the Directors.

**2014 RABA Games & Pro-AM(s):** RABA also holds a Team of Four & Charity Tournament each year. The Team of Four game is usually held in late February or early March. Pro-Am – the consensus was that this game is very popular. This year \$156 was raised for RABA. We get \$1.00 per person. It was suggested that maybe we could hold more Pro-Am's next year. Jerry said that maybe someone from the Board could help Cheryl organize the game (preferably a 299er).

**Regional (2015):** The tournament is scheduled for May 11-17, 2015. Paul Cherin is Chairman and Phil Clark is Co-Chairman. Cindy Reid is in charge of publicity and Susan McCarthy will be responsible for Intermediate/Novice programming.

**Duplimate:** Mary Miller is now getting the boards and hand records for her game in Canandaigua. She also would like to get the boards for her sectional in Waterloo. Jane moved that we allow her to have the duplimate boards; Gary Conners seconded it. It was determined that we would charge her \$5.00 for the weekly game boards and \$6.50 for the sectional boards. Motion approved.

We lose approximately \$1,300 or \$1,400 a year on the operation of the duplimate machine, however, the Board feels it is a service to members. Kathy made a motion that we increase the amount of money we charge Directors for duplimate the cards to \$5.00 per set. This amount

will change in January, 2014. Gary Conners seconded it. Motion approved. Kathy will send out a notification of the change to the Directors.

**Exempt Organization Status:** Phil said we need to apply to the IRS for a 501c (Exempt Status). The Audit Committee will be responsible for getting the exempt certificate.

**Conduct and Ethics Committee:** A committee has been appointed and they have many different alternatives they can choose from. Phil said the ACBL recommends that all alternatives should be considered in order to get matters settled amicably.

**Goodwill Award:** An individual was unanimously chosen for this award. Lois will contact Penfield Trophies to have the name engraved. This award will be given at the April sectional.

**The next Board meeting is Monday, January 6, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.**

Lois made a motion we adjourn the meeting; Phil seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary RABA