

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Lois Sanders at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Kathy L. made a motion to accept the minutes. Jan seconded it. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Phil made a motion we accept the Treasurer's Report. Jerry seconded it.

Summary of Unit Board Meeting: Phil informed the Board that the Unit is concerned about the fact that the sectionals are getting smaller. He also stated that Mary Miller is working hard on 299er events. Ithaca's sectional will now be held on April 26 & 27 and the Rainbow Tournament will be held in Endwell on May 17 & 18 which will be the Unit's Charity Tournament.

Executive Committee at-large Member: Jerry Weiss volunteered for this position. The Board unanimously approved.

Audit Committee Report: The Audit Committee will set up guidelines for members of all audit committees to follow. Kathy L. indicated they will apply for nonprofit status. If anyone is paid over \$600 a year, a 1099 form needs to be issued. Kathy L. will check as to whether we paid Bruce over \$600. The Audit Committee will be setting up another meeting shortly.

The Committee requested permission to purchase financial software (such as Quicken) and install it on RABA's computer. Jan made a motion that the Board approve the purchase of software up to \$75.00. Gary seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Lois to allow the Audit Committee to file whatever papers are needed to get tax-exempt status. Jan seconded it. Motion approved. Another motion was made to permit the Audit Committee to choose the appropriate legal status for RABA and file whatever is needed. Coby seconded it. Motion unanimously approved.

Tournaments: Jerry announced that the Team of Four has been scheduled for March 2 at the American Legion in Webster. The cost is \$135.00. Jerry gave them a deposit of \$100.00. This will be a one session event with a break for lunch. There will be a 299er section too. (Note: Mary Miller would like to share some of her ideas for 299ers). Coby and Gary G. volunteered to be Co-Chairmen. Bruce will be the director and get a unit sanction. A flyer needs to be prepared and the information also needs to be put on the website.

Spring Sectional: Scheduled for April 12 & 13 at the Webster Recreational Center. Mary Lou had already paid the rental for this location. Kathy L. and Sandy will be Co-Chairmen.

Summer Sectional: Scheduled for July 12 & 13. Jane and Jan will be Co-Chairmen.

All ACBL Tournaments need to be booked a year in advance. Bruce does the scheduling for these events.

Jerry wondered if we should have a Summer Sectional in 2015 since the Regional is in May. Need to contact Bruce re: 2015 dates for tournaments.

Duplimate: After a lot of discussion regarding the Board renting the Duplimate machine for the Regional in Liverpool, Jan made a motion we permit the regional to rent our Duplimate machine for a fee of \$5.00 per set. Jane seconded it. In regard to the billing, Kathy requested that the Duplimate operators need to submit a bill in writing

Website: Lois and Phil will discuss with Ed Reppert whether he is still interested in maintaining the website.

The next Board meeting is Thursday, March 27 @ 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary RABA