

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Lois Sanders at 3:20 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Everyone liked the new format of the Treasurer's Report. Phil raised a question regarding the amount allocated for replacement decks of cards. Kathy said that each deck costs \$1.40 plus shipping and she ordered 200 decks (\$304.60). 600 decks are needed to fill up the boards we have (the boards are rotated for each session). Phil moved we accept the treasurer's report; Jerry seconded it. Motion approved.

Audit Committee Report: Kathy had a problem re: the report and therefore it hasn't been finished yet. There was some discussion regarding whether RABA has any assets. The Duplimate machine is not an asset because it is fully depreciated. It was decided that RABA doesn't have any assets but only supplies.

Tournaments:

Spring Sectional: Scheduled for April 12 & 13 at the Webster Recreational Center. A question was raised about stratification. Kathy checked with Alex, the Director. He said that the stratification has to be put on the flyers. It was determined that the stratification will be by the average of the team.

The annual Unit awards will be presented before the start of the tournament. The Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs will not be awarded at that time. Phil will display a poster listing all the award winners.

Alex's per diem and hotel fees come out of the entry fees that go to the ACBL. Alex does not want to use the bridge pads on Sunday.

Summer Sectional: Scheduled for July 12 & 13. Jerry informed us that the sectional will be at the Moose Club in Henrietta, 5375 Henrietta Rd. The contact person is Bob Laux. The tournament is on the second floor, however, they have an elevator. Need to check whether there is an ice machine. Also, a copy of the flyer needs to be sent to the ACBL for publication.

Jane moved that we change the time of the tournament to 10:30. Jan seconded it. Motion approved. A suggestion was made that we poll the bridge community at the summer sectional. At the meeting it wasn't determined how we were going to poll members regarding the time start but the Board felt we need to get member input re: the starting time for future sectionals.

Fall Sectional: Co-Chairmen will be Phil & Sandy (or possibly Susan).

RABA Charity Game: Will be discussed at next meeting.

2015 Sectionals: Jerry raised the question of changing the date of the April sectional because the regional is in May. It was decided to leave the tournament in April.

Duplimate Billing:

Kathy informed the Board that Warren and Doug need to submit a bill before she will pay them for their Duplimate work.

Microphone: Coby will check out the cost of purchasing a microphone.

Eph Karch Trophy for 299ers:

Sue Powell found the Eph Karch trophy. Lois said it has been out of circulation for a while. Several suggestions were made as to how to award this trophy. Phil moved that we reinstate the trophy and the winner would be the person who had the highest average based on the three sectionals plus the two RABA games. Jan seconded it. Motion approved. It was decided to do this award next year.

Coffee Machine:

The subject was brought up about purchasing a coffee machine. Discussion followed, however, no decision was made. (Note: After the meeting, Lois had her husband check into purchasing warming trays for the coffee (which was all Betty Ann needed). He found we could get trays that would hold 4 pots for \$62.00 plus shipping. Lois spoke to several members and all agreed we should order them.)

RABA Support for Teachers/Novice Games:

Phil moved we subsidize the Duplimate cost and hand records for any teaching game or newplicate game. Jan seconded it. Motion approved.

Mary Miller has been active in trying to get more 199ers and 299ers playing in sectionals. A suggestion was made that we invite her to the next Board meeting to inform the Board about her programs. The Board was also informed that as long as the ACBL Logo is used they pay 75%.

Jerry brought up the subject of directors playing in their own games. He feels directors should only play in a game when they are just filling in. The Board was informed this is an ACBL decision. Ed Reppert mentioned that if there is a dispute during the game a different director could be called.

The next Board meeting is Monday, June 16, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary RABA

Addendum: Lois spoke to the members of the Executive Board and everyone agreed that Ricky Briggs should be remunerated for all his endless time and energy. Lois is therefore purchasing a dinner gift certificate in the amount of \$50.00 to give to him.