

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY  
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014**

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Coby made a motion to accept the minutes. Gary C. seconded it. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jane moved we accept the treasurer's report ; Gary C. seconded it. Motion unanimously approved. Kathy also submitted a report on the Spring Sectional. Jane moved we accept the report; Phil seconded it.

**Audit Committee Report:** Kathy has the report done and all she needs to do is a cover letter; however, it was decided the Audit Committee would meet again before the report is submitted.

**Tournaments:**

**Summer Sectional:** Scheduled for July 12 & 13. Jane said the Director will be Bill Dubay. Jane and Jan will make sure the software is compatible with the bridge pads. We do have the bidding boxes thanks to Jim Carroll who brought them up from Endwell. Phil suggested we send out an e-mail blast regarding the sectional. ACBL will send out e-mails – 200 mile radius for Sectionals and 500 miles for Regionals. Cindy also will send out an e-mail.

**Fall Sectional:** Co-Chairmen will be Susan and Phil. It will be held on October 11 & 12 at the Knights of Columbus on Barrett Dr. in Webster. Joann Glasson needs a flyer which Susan volunteered to do.

**RABA Charity Game:** Kathy L. and Sandy volunteered to be Co-Chairmen. It was decided to hold it on Sunday, November 16. Jerry will make arrangements for a location. A committee will propose 2-3 charities which the Board can vote on.

**Pro-Am** – Lois will talk to Cheryl about a proposed date (possibly August). Gary G. and Coby volunteered to coordinate partnerships for Cheryl.

**Liverpool Regional:** Phil, Mark and possibly Bob Simard will be doing the boards. RABA will get \$5.00 a set for letting Syracuse use the boards.

**Rochester Regionals:** – The dates (May 1-7) have been locked in for 2017. Game times will be 10:30 and 2:30.

**Microphone:** RABA will buy a microphone; however, it will also be available for use by speakers. Bob Sanders is looking into a couple of different ones and will get whichever one he thinks is better. Gary G. made a motion we approve this; Phil seconded it. Unanimously approved.

**Eph Karch Trophy:** Phil said the minutes from March 27 need to be revised to read: "the winner will be the person with the highest total points in the 299er games for that year. "

**New Business:**

Player achievement recognition and “ribbons”: Phil said the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney winners will be honored at a ceremony at Cheryl’s game. Phil also suggested that RABA should recognize people who achieve different levels by handing out ribbons or pins. Jane made a motion that RABA recognize individuals who achieve a new rank; Gary C. seconded it. Unanimously approved.

Sectional Guidelines: Sandy handed out copies of the guidelines. It was decided that the Board has until July 31<sup>st</sup> to report any corrections or changes that need to be made to the report.

Nominating Committee: Lois, Coby and Gary C. volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. This committee will remain in force through December 31.

“Learn Bridge in a Day” – Mary Lou Lawson and Mary Lyke are both holding this program on different dates for new players.

Ballot: Jane will prepare a ballot to give out to all bridge players at the next sectional asking them for their preference regarding starting times for sectionals.

Next meeting is Monday, July 21 @ 3:30 p.m.

Jerry moved to adjourn the meeting; Gary G. seconded it. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully yours,

Sandy Stockton  
Secretary, RABA

Addendum: The microphone has been purchased and is ready for use.