

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

Present: Phil Clark, Stewart Cramer, Jan Egger, Gary Gottermeier, Kathy Landon, Susan McCartney, Cindy Reid, Jane Romal, Lois Sanders, Sandy Stockton, Coby Valensa, and Jerry Weiss. **Absent:** Gary Connors

The meeting was called to order by President Lois Sanders at 3:35 p.m. She welcomed new members Cindy and Stu.

Minutes for July: Jan moved the minutes be accepted; Susan seconded it.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy submitted a Revenue & Expense Statement for the period 8/1/13 - 7/31/14 and also the Fall Sectional Report (October 11-12, 2014). Phil had a question about website fees. Warren Marsland gets the bills for the website since he was the one that set it up. Jane moved that we accept the treasurer's report; Phil seconded it. Unanimously approved.

Election of Officers: Gary G. presented the slate of officers: Secretary, Sandy Stockton, unanimously approved. Treasurer, Kathy Landon, unanimously approved. Since two people were running for Vice President (Gary Gottermeier and Gary Conway) we took a secret ballot and Gary Gottermeier won. President, Phil Clark, unanimously approved. Jerry Weiss was unanimously approved as Member at Large.

Sectional and RABA Events:

Fall Sectional: - \$120.00 was paid for caddy fees and \$60.00 to the director's daughter who assisted with the coffee and cleanup. Everyone liked the subs. Phil said someone complained that we didn't have enough salads - too many carbohydrates. Jerry said more people are gluten free today.

Charity Game: Kathy said we would like to encourage more 299ers to stay for both sessions. However, we have been giving them the option of playing a second session.

Spring Sectional: Will be held April 11 & 12, 2015 at Webster Recreation Center. Jerry said the fee has already been paid. Coby and Cindy volunteered to chair this event.

Summer Sectional: Scheduled for July 11 & 12, 2015. Jane and Jan volunteered to chair this event. Jerry said if the Knights of Columbus is available, he will book it. If not, he will then try Webster Recreation Center. Phil said he spoke with the manager at the Knights of Columbus and they do not want any food eaten in the carpeted area. However, we would be allowed to cook there as long as one of our members has a license. Phil said all members of the Board should be thinking of new places to hold tournaments.

Fall Sectional: October 11 & 12.

The Cicero Sectional scheduled for January 2015 has been cancelled. Bruce proposed we have a one-day event on a Saturday; possibly a speedball game and hold it at Potter Place. Jerry will talk to Bruce about possibly holding it in a different place. The 299er's probably would not play in a speedball game but they could play in a regular team game. Phil made a motion that Jerry will meet with Bruce about having a Speedball Event & Team Game possibly in February (either February 6th or 7th or the third week of February). We would not have to pay Unit sanction fees.

199er Tournament: Cindy has been talking to Mary Lou and Mary Lyke about having a game in November; possibly the 15th. They just need a club director. The game would be held at the Landing in Brighton.

North American Pairs: Jane and Jack Kress qualified for NAP-C. Jim Carroll & Jonathan Forde qualified for the NAP, Flight B. Phil & Doug won the NA Pairs, Flight A.

Pro Am – The consensus was that it was a great success and very well run. A question was raised whether it would be possible to have two Pro Am events each year; possibly on a fifth Tuesdays. Cheryl did a lot of pre-work setting up partnerships and it was suggested that she wouldn't need to do all that work in the future.

Cooking and Hygiene: Ricky has a license from the Department of Health so we could cook at the Knights of Columbus. However, the Board will recommend that anyone running a tournament must wear gloves.

Exempt Organization Status: Kathy received a request for more information. She has a month to get back to them. Kathy, Lois, Warren, Phil and Jane will meet and possibly ask Doug Spiker or Howard Gordon to help them fill out the papers.

Sectional Checklist: Any suggested comments or corrections should be sent to Sandy by December 1st.

Bridge Center Search Committee: The following people have expressed an interest to work on the committee: Cindy, Roger Woodin, Doug Bradley, Phil, Ron Mittleman, Gary G. and Jan.

Bidding Boxes – New Boards: District 4 agreed to buy 70 new boards and new inserts for the old boxes. Bruce indicated we need to buy new sets of boards. We now have 17 sets and need 3 more sets according to Bruce and Doug Bradley. Coby made a motion that RABA approve \$169.00 for the purchase of up to four sets that can be used in the duplimate machine. Gary G. seconded it. Motion unanimously approved.

Website Maintenance:

Mailing Lists: It was suggested that the website should have lists of players, teachers, and club owners. Phil said if anyone has any suggestions for other things that should be on the website they should send the list to Cindy. One suggestion was to have a monthly calendar with every game listed; similar to what Bruce now has for his games.

Webmaster: Phil will contact Ed as to whether he wants to continue to run the website.

Directory Update: Mary Lou Lawson has volunteered to work on updating the directory while she is home recovering from hip surgery. Cindy will prepare the form for members to fill out. A question was raised about the privacy issue as to e-mail addresses. Cindy, Phil and Mary Lou will address this issue.

Next meeting is Thursday, January 15, 2015.

Respectfully yours,

Sandy Stockton
Secretary, RABA