

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Phil Clark at 3:35 p.m.

**Minutes for July:** The dates listed for the Fall Sectional were incorrect; should be October 10 & 11. Jane moved the minutes be approved with the change; Jerry seconded it.

**Treasurer's Report** - Jerry made a motion that the report be approved; Jane seconded it.

**Sectional and RABA Events:**

**Charity Game Report:** Kathy reported that \$1,204.20 was sent to Foodlink. A suggestion was made that we should continue to collect money for the charity at all the games the following week. Another suggestion was that maybe a representative from the charity could come to one of our games and we would present them with a check.

**Spring Sectional:** Will be held April 11 & 12, 2015 at Webster Recreation Center. Jerry, Coby and Cindy will be responsible for chairing the event. It was suggested that the ACBL would send out an e-mail blast regarding events if we contact them.

**Summer Sectional:** Scheduled for July 11 & 12, 2015. Jane and Jan volunteered to chair this event.

**Fall Sectional:** October 10 & 11 – Kathy and Sandy will chair this event.

**January 25, 2015** – Parkinson's fundraiser run by Bruce Toder – Phil said it's a good cause and that the game should be mentioned on Tuesday encouraging people to play in the event.

**RABA Speedball & DupliSwiss – February 7 & 8:** Jerry, Gary & Coby are in charge of this event. Saturday will be the Speedball Game – it was suggested no late plays be allowed. Bruce will have to take care of enforcing the speedball rules. Starting time both days is 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration will be encouraged.

**199er Tournament:** Cindy and Mary Lyke will be running this one-day event; possibly in March. Bruce will obtain the sanction. They would play 18 boards in the morning, have lunch which the Landing would provide, and then play another 18 boards in the afternoon. Cheryl will be the director, however, the question is how much her fee will be. Cindy will provide a budget.

**Pro Am** – The following dates were suggested: June 30 or September 29.

Rainbow Tournament - Phil said Mary Miller advised him that it will be held on August 22 & 23 at the Senior Center in Waterloo.

Exempt Organization Status - Doug Spiker dropped off the electronic copies, cover letter and constitution which Kathy will send into the IRS.

Sectional Checklist: Cindy handed out copies of the checklist. Sandy will revise the checklist so it can be used by the Unit.

Bridge Center Search Committee: The committee is looking at Bldg. #72 at the old Stromberg-Carlson Building. They need to prepare an operational plan.

New Boards: Bruce ordered four new sets of boards without cards. These boards will be owned by RABA.

Website Maintenance: This subject has been tabled to the next Board meeting.

Directory Update: Once we get a new list, the question was raised as to whether the information could be put online. However, several questions were raised about how to do it securely. A motion was made that the Board only order printed copies. Jane moved we approve the motion, Jerry seconded it. Motion approved.

Achievement Pins and Stickers: Phil suggested that RABA should give out some sort of memento to those achieving new levels. Also, acknowledge their achievement by recognizing them at a Sectional. Another suggestion was to give them stickers which they could put on their convention card.

New Business: Arlene Clarkson has been sending out cards from RABA to those individuals who are ill or have a death in the family. Kathy moved that RABA should buy the stamps for those cards. Motion approved.

Good Will Award: It was decided that this award would be given at the Summer Sectional.

A suggestion was also made that we give Doug Spiker a recognition gift.

Gary G. made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; Jerry seconded it. Motion approved.

**Next meeting is Monday, April 20 at 3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton  
Secretary, RABA