

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Gary Gottermeier.

Minutes for March. Gary Gottermeier made a motion to approve the minutes; Jane seconded it. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy submitted the Treasurer's Report for the period 1/16/15m- 4/20/15, as well as reports on the RABA Speedball & Swiss Event held 2/7 & 2/8/15 and the Spring Sectional Report held April 11-12, 2015.

Discussion followed on the Spring Sectional. Directions on the flyer were incorrect – Cindy will take care of correcting the mileage. Kathy L. felt the room was very crowded – a suggestion was made that tables should be turned. Also, bridge pads not be used for the 299er's when they are playing a separate game. It was also felt that bridge pads should not be used for Sunday Swiss unless that Director wants them. Cindy said that we should stress that the 299er's play two sessions. Lois suggested that two lines should be set up at the Director's table – one for the regular players and one for 299er's which should eliminate the problem of 299er's being in the wrong section.

Website: Gary G. spoke with Ed Reppert regarding the website. Ed indicated that the software he is using is 10 years old and about 5 years ago they stopped doing updates. Ed uses Dreamweaver and when you have multiple pages it gets more complicated. The question was raised as to how much it would cost to do a website. A committee will be set up to discuss what to do about a website. The committee will include Cindy, Jane and myself. Bob Nowacki and Steve Hart will also be asked for their input. Need to ascertain exactly what the Directors want on the website.

Tax Exempt Status: Our request for tax exempt status was approved. Later Kathy received another letter that the organization may have to file a 990 form. Kathy will file this in August.

Phil Clark Memorial: Stewart wrote a tribute about Phil which will be in the May issue of the ACBL Bulletin. Several suggestions were made on how to establish a memorial in Phil's name. The following people volunteered to be on a committee regarding the memorial: Stewart, Lois, Susan; and Doug Ross will also be asked to join.

New Directory: Cindy is still working on the directory, however, since many members go South in the winter, she is waiting until everyone gets back to contact those people. Cindy will send an e-mail to those who were on the old list and not on the new list.

Broadcast E-Mail: Cindy will work on sending it out the week before the sectional.

Pictures of 299er's on Common Page: Gary said we need someone to take pictures with their phones so their pictures can be shown on the common page. Need to send the photos to Bruce along with their ACBL No. Kathy Kingston and Coby will work on this project.

Intermediate Support Discussion: The question is how to keep those individuals in the 270-600 point range interested in continuing their bridge games. Gary G. suggested maybe creating a mentor program. He asked that any suggestions be sent to Jane.

Pro-Am: Scheduled for June 30. Coby & Gary G. will start promoting it after the Regional.

Summer Sectional: Scheduled for July 11 & 12 at Webster Recreation. Flyers should be reviewed for accuracy before the Sectional.

Charity Game: Possible dates - November 22 or September 27. Jerry will look for a location.

Lois stated that since Margie Spence stored our bridge tables at her house for several years that we should send her a free play. It was also approved to give Betty Ann a two-session free play for all her help with the coffee at our Sectionals, and to Ricky Briggs because he gave us his coffee machine. Thank-you notes will be sent to these individuals.

Kathy L. made a motion that we send a \$75.00 gift certificate to Doug Spiker for all his help. Motion approved.

Arlene Clarkson is our Sunshine Coordinator. When notifying her of an illness or death of a member, please give her an address where the card should be sent. Doug Bradley can also look up names on his computer.

New Business: Kathy L. asked "Are we going to charge the District any money for the cards we purchase?" She was directed by the Board to work out an agreement with the Regional Tournament Committee.

Amendment to the Constitution (Article 3, Section G) – Coby will write up an amendment with regard to replacing board members when a person is unable to complete their term.

Kathy made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; Sandy seconded it. Motion approved.

Next meeting is Thursday, July 23 @ 3:30 (Note: Date changed after the meeting.)
Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton
Secretary, RABA

