

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m. by President Gary Gottermeier.

Minutes for April: Coby made a motion to approve the minutes; Jane seconded it. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy submitted the Treasurer's Report for the period 4/21/15 – 7/22/15 and the Summer Sectional Report –July 11&12.

Discussion followed on the Summer Sectional. Kathy questioned the fact that we were unaware of an Assistant Director (Doug Bradley) being assigned. Doug happened to be there and related that he was also unaware until the day before that he would be directing. He explained that he is in the process of becoming a full-time Director and has to direct so many games. Also, we need to contact ACBL before a tournament to make sure which Director is assigned for a tournament. Fortunately, Bernie Gorkin was going to be in the area and was able to direct this tournament. Jerry made a motion the report be accepted; Jan seconded it.

Phil Clark Memorial: Several suggestions were made but the group felt that the best one was to name the Pro Am tournament after Phil Clark. Kathy L. made a motion that the Pro AM would now be called the Phil Clark Pro Am; Coby seconded it. Motion accepted. Kathy L. suggested that since this tournament is a lot of work that we should compensate Cheryl and Duncan. After much discussion, Jan moved that we give Cheryl & Duncan a gift certificate for \$75.00 as a thank-you; Jane seconded it. Motion approved. Kathy L. will be responsible for purchasing the gift certificate.

Amendment to the Constitution: Coby submitted an amendment in regard to vacancies on the Board. A vote was held as to whether we should continue with process – 9 people voted to continue process. After much discussion it was decided that a committee would be set up to address this issue. Coby will head up the committee to rewrite the amendment. Jane made a motion to accept; Gary C. seconded it.

Election: Sandy Stockton and Susan McCartney are Co-Chairmen. Need to ascertain what players are willing to run. Need pictures and resume for each candidate. Check with Bruce re: pictures – he can get them off the common game. Have ballots ready by September. Also, ballots should be sent to Southern Tier games (Geneseo, Livingston, Orleans, Genesee). Susan submitted a list of criteria that should be required for candidates. The Board did not approve this.

Unit Board: Need someone who is willing to travel and go to Unit Meetings.

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Website: The Board felt we should keep it and just improve on it. Ed Reppert has the software and we pay fees through Warren Marsland. These fees are for the host of the website. A question was raised whether the software could be assigned to someone. Gary G. will talk to Doug Bradley, Ed and Warren concerning this.

Newsletter: Jane made a motion that we eliminate the newsletter from the website; Kathy L. seconded it. Motion approved.

Directory: The Board felt the directory should be printed and sold rather than broadcast and available for sale by the Fall Sectional. Board also felt that only Board members should be provided it electronically. Jan made a motion that the directory will be printed and not available electronically; Gary C. seconded it. Motion approved.

299er's Pictures on Common Page: Gary G. thanked Kathy Kingston for working on this project.

Intermediate Support/Mentoring Program: Jane moved we table this suggestion until the next meeting; Jan seconded it.

2016 Tournaments: The Board authorized Jerry to rent Webster Recreation for April and July 2016 as long as the rent is not over \$800.

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

Next meeting is Thursday, October 29, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton
Secretary, RABA

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