

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015**

Present: Stewart Cramer, Gary Gottermeier, Bill Hettrick, Jack Kress, Kathy Landon, Susan McCartney, Barbara McIver, Cindy Reid, Jane Romal, Sandy Stockton, Jerry Weiss and Lois Sanders, Guest. **Absent:** Jan Egger

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Gottermeier at 3:30 PM

Minutes – August 22, 2015: Jane moved the Board accept the minutes; Jerry seconded it.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy filed taxes for last year. In regard to the Audit, Jane and Gary examined the books of RABA and found they fairly represent the results of deposits, operations and changes in financial position for the year ending July 31, 2015. A question was raised about the duplimate machine. Kathy informed the group that we put away \$250.00 from each sectional which will go toward replacing our present machine. Sandy made a motion we accept the Treasurer's Report; Cindy seconded it.

Bridge Pads – A question was raised about bridge pads. Lois said RABA had nothing to do with purchasing those. The bridge pads were originally purchased by some of the Directors. Kathy said we have not gotten a charge from Bruce in the past year for using them so it appears the fee has been waived.

New Board Members: Gary introduced the newly elected Board members (Bill Hettrick, Jack Kress, Kathy Landon and Barbara McIver) and welcomed them to the Board.

Election of Officers: Stew announced the slate of officers: Gary Gottermeier for President; Jane Romal for Vice-President, Kathy Landon for Treasurer and Sandy Stockton, Secretary. Stew made a motion we accept this set of officers, Susan seconded it. Motion approved. Arlene Clarkson is our Sunshine Chairperson.

Committees: Gary appointed the following Chairpersons for the five Standing Committees: Nominating – Sandy Stockton; Publication – Cindy Reid ; Tournaments – Jerry Weiss; Awards – Cindy Reid and Audit – Jane Romal. Gary announced that we are going to lose the Xerox printing machine at the end of March. Cindy will check into other copying areas; possibly leasing one. She will let us know what the status is at the next meeting.

Fall Sectional: Kathy submitted the Sectional Report. The net proceeds were \$865.12. The only problem was the microphone didn't work.

Charity Tournament: Susan and Barb will work on getting 299ers to sign up for the tournament. Teams need to notify Gary if playing, however, they don't need to pay until that day. Ricky needs to know how many teams are playing so he can buy enough food. Need a list of separate checks given to Food Link.

2016 Tournaments: RABA Swiss is at the Knights of Columbus. Spring Sectional is at the Italian American Club, Summer Sectional – Jerry is checking into different places. Fall Sectional – Knights of Columbus. Discussion ensued regarding different locations that might be considered for tournaments: Masonic – Bay Rd; Century Club – there was a question as to whether it is handicap accessible and if parking was limited. Jerry will check with Mary Lou Lawson who holds games there. Also, Guy Arie’s wife bought a church and the question is whether there is room there. Jerry also suggested possibly considering Lakeville, Geneseo or even trying Xerox again.

The following people are Chairpersons of these 2016 tournaments:

RABA Swiss – Stew and Cindy
Spring Sectional – Susan, Sandy and Kathy
Summer Sectional – Jane, Jan and John
Fall Sectional – Kathy, Sandy and Barb

Kathy stressed that we need to add on the flyers that we Stratify by Average Points

Pro Am – May 31 – Chairpersons – Gary and Barb; Aug. 29 – Possibly Phil Clark Memorial
Kathy suggested that we give the directors half of the extra dollar we collect (that we already collect)

(50 cents would go to the Director and 50 cents to RABA). Jane made a motion to give 50 cents per person to the directors of the Pro Am. Kathy seconded it. Motion approved.

Cindy suggested having a team event – 2 pros against pros and 2 amateurs against amateurs. Gary will ask Cheryl if she has any interest in this. Lois stated that Cheryl says team games are a lot more work.

This suggestion was tabled until the next meeting.

Charity Event – November 22 – Chairpersons: Stew, Cindy & Bill

Amendment to Constitution & By-Laws: Suggested change: “If there is a vacancy the first runner-up will automatically be asked if they want the position.” Barb will take over wording the amendment to the Constitution & By-laws so we can vote on it at the next meeting.

Good Will Award – Several nominations were made and a secret ballot was held to choose the next recipient. Lois will be responsible for getting the name engraved on the plaque. The award will be given at the Charity Game.

Mentoring Program: Gary asked for a volunteer to run the program. It was decided to table this until the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 3:30 PM.

Jane made a motion the meeting be adjourned; Kathy seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary