

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016**

Present: Stewart Cramer, Jan Eggar, Gary Gottermeier, Kathy Landon, Susan McCartney, Barbara McIver, Jane Romal, Sandy Stockton, and Jerry Weiss. Bill Hettrick arrived late.
Guest: Doug Bradley. **Absent:** Jack Kress and Cindy Reid

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

Minutes: Jan moved the Board accept the minutes from the last meeting; Jane seconded it. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy submitted the following reports: Team of 4 Event on February 28, 2016; Spring Sectional on April 23-24, 2016 and the Treasurer's Report for the period of 1/29/16 – 4/30/16. Kathy explained that awards are given out at the first sectional and so that is why there are so many free plays at this event. Jane suggested that on the Spring Sectional Report it should read "**Net Receipts**" rather than just Receipts.

Spring Sectional: Several situations arose that we were unaware of. We were unable to use the kitchen facilities (although they did let us use the refrigerator). There was suppose to be a \$100 clean-up free which was waived. Also, communication with someone in charge at the Italian American Club was difficult. In order to rent the club you are required to have a member of the Club in your group. Stewart will check into Tom Ferraro playing since he is a member (Note: Stewart found out after the meeting that Tom is not a member). Jerry suggested that if we have them cater maybe they would accept us. (Note: Since the meeting Jerry Manioci has indicated that he plans to join the Club.) Gary said that we need to have guidelines on amounts to buy of everything.

All our games have been booked except the Summer Sectional in 2017. We are still looking for a place.

Doug questioned why we don't try going to Lakeville again.

Supplies: Chairman of the Tournament will be responsible for getting the needed supplies to the tournament site. The supplies will be kept at B'rith Kodesh. Sandy will still do an inventory of what supplies need to be purchased.

Summer Sectional: Jane, Jan and Jack are Co-Chairmen. Jack and Jerry will make arrangements to get the tables to the playing site. Flyers have already been printed.

Charity Game: This tournament will be held at the Century Club on November 20. There is no charge for using this location. If parking is a problem, could park at the Strathallan. Caterers: Could possibly use Jane's caterer; Cindy may also know one. Jerry has checked with Mr. Dominic's but has had no response. In regard to a Charity Game for 299er's we would need a sanction for 299er's but not for 99er's or 199ers. Barb will look into how many people in that

category would be interested and will talk with Mary Lou and Cindy. Possibly could use either the Century Club or Potter for this game. Doug said he would be available to direct.

Pro-Am: Duncan is having a Pro-Am on May 31. Anyone with more than 300 points will be considered a Pro.

Amendment to the Constitution: Susan made a motion that we accept the amendment; Jerry seconded it. A vote was taken – 8 Yes and 2 No and 1 abstention. Results being 8 out of 11 approved. Amendment was approved.

Copying Machine: A report was submitted on the cost of printing. RABA prints approximately 2820 pages per month between hand records, sectional flyers and “other” info. Based on a review of 7 copiers with various lease/buy scenarios, the following recommendation was made: That we lease a 7120 copier from BXI on a 5-year lease at \$89.99/ month. Jane moved that we take a lease on the machine for five years; Jan seconded it. Motion approved. A committee will be formed to look into the expenses for the whole duplicating process. The question is how much should the Board subsidize. Kathy volunteered to be Chairman of the Committee. Jane, Barb Susan and Gary also volunteered to serve on the committee. The committee will report back before August.

Mentoring Program: Susan submitted a paper on a possible Mentoring Program. Discussion followed. Jerry said we should get a list of people who are interested in moving up. He said it might be better if there were pairs who were interested. They could each play with a Pro and then get back together. Stewart said you cannot teach during the game because it could be disruptive. It was also suggested that at the Pro-Am we get a list of those people who are interested in being mentored and who is interested in doing the mentoring. Barb volunteered to talk to the 299ers and will send an e-mail to the Board of how much interest there is in the mentoring program.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2016 @ 3:30 PM

Jane made a motion the meeting be adjourned; Sandy seconded it. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary