

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
Monday, July 25, 2016**

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

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; Susan seconded it. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy submitted the Treasurer's Report for the period 5/1/16 – 7/23/16 and the Sectional Report for July 16 & 17, 2016. Kathy said she had just received the bill for the copier and would like dates on the invoice. The delivery date is June 3, 2016. The net proceeds from the sectional at the Moose Club were \$1,296.35. The reason we made so much was because the Moose Club was inexpensive to rent and even though we had less tables the fees went up to \$10.00 this year. Cindy moved that we pay Doug Bradley \$200.00 for his help at the sectional. Jan seconded it. Motion approved. Gary suggested that if we have the Moose Club again that we look into hiring high school guys to do the tables. Kathy indicated that she had a call from the Moose Club that they would return the deposit check. Cindy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jane seconded it. Motion Approved.

Upcoming Events: Partnership Chairman for the Fall Sectional will be Susan McCartney. NAP Flight C District final is on October 15. It is possible that the 299ers may not have enough regular tables because of the NAP C. Fall Charity Swiss – Cindy and Bill are Co-Chairmen. Gary will take care of getting a director assigned. RABA Swiss in February 2017 – Jerry will check into getting the Knights of Columbus. (Note: Mr. Dominic's was suggested; however Jerry said he has called them but they have never responded.) Jerry will also call the Green Lantern.

Sectional Stratification: Kathy said we may need to change the stratification for our sectionals. She checked with the Director who said we have an extremely low threshold for A's. A suggestion was made that the following stratifications should be put into place: C – (0 – 750); B – (750 – 2,000) and A's – 2,000 plus. Jane made a motion that we change the stratification for the upcoming sectionals. Bill seconded it. Motion approved.

Proposed Changes to By-Laws: Jane eliminated everything in By-laws that was duplicated in the Constitution. Our district now has 3 Unit representatives, however, in the future we will be allowed 4. Jan made a motion that we have 4 Unit representatives. Cindy seconded it. Motion approved.

Mentoring Program: Susan said the program is going very well – people are enthusiastic - very few snags. So far there are 29 mentors. She has only three people who still need mentors. Everyone agreed that the mentor and mentee should work things out between them.

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Election of Board Members and Unit Representatives: Sandy is the Chairman. Jerry indicated he does not want to run again; however, Jan, Jane and Gary are going to run. Election will start September 1. The new Board members will be announced at the October sectional.

Copier: The amount for the year will be paid by the end of the week (July 29 or 30th). The first two months 2995 copies were made. We need to set rules as to what the copier is used for. If it's not a RABA event, then they should be charged. Sectional flyers, hand records, etc. would not be charged. It was felt that 5 cents a copy is more than enough to charge people who need copies. Kathy said people should pay for them when they get the copies and make a check payable to RABA. It was suggested that either Doug or Gary should collect the money. A motion was made that hand records, sectional or RABA flyers and Board copies would not be charged; anything else is 5 cents per copy. Stewart seconded it. Motion approved.

Good Will Award: Need to propose two or three candidates for good will player of the year. The award will be given out at the Charity Tournament.

Teachers: In regard to teachers it was suggested that RABA should have more support for the teachers. Look into how we can do it better. Cindy said there is very little collaboration among the teachers so we have no idea what they are teaching. We should have a list of current classes and upcoming classes that are being taught. There should be something on the website so the teachers could connect with each other if they are interested.

Pictures of Players: Susan said we need pictures of the rest of the people whose pictures do not come up on the website. Need someone to take head shots and reduce them down and then send them to Bruce. Cindy and Susan will put together a list of people whose pictures need to be taken.

Charity Game: Cindy made a motion that we donate money to Food Link. Everyone was in favor. Motion approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary