

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
Thursday, October 27, 2016**

Present: Pat Connell, Gary Gottermeier, Bill Hettrick, Jack Kress, Kathy Landon, Susan McCartney, Barbara McIver, Cindy Reid, Jane Romal, Sandy Stockton, and Roger Woodin.
Absent: Stewart Cramer

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Gottermeier at 3:30 PM. Gary welcomed Pat and Roger to the Board.

Election of Officers: The following slate of officers were presented: Gary Gottermeier, President; Jane Romal, Vice-President; Sandy Stockton, Secretary; Kathy Landon, Treasurer; Roger Woodin, Member-at-Large. Barbara made a motion to approve the officers; Bill seconded it. Motion approved. Gary announced that Roger volunteered to be Tournament Coordinator.

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

Treasurer's Report: Kathy submitted the Fall Sectional Report and the Treasurer's Report for the period 7/24/16 – 10/27/16. The report shows we have a working cash balance of \$10,167.14. Jane moved we accept the Treasurer's Report; Pat seconded it. Motion approved.

North American Pairs (NAP) – Flight C was held at the same time and place as the Fall Sectional. Gary said the C Finals would be held in Rochester again next year and the dates will be the same as the 2017 Fall Sectional. In fact, Rochester was scheduled for the Flight C Finals for three years. Cindy said we should have a flyer that explains exactly what the NAP is and that the top finishers get some gold points.

Susan moved that we accept the Fall Sectional Report; Barb seconded it. Motion approved.

2017 Tournaments Scheduled:

Charity Game: The Charity Game scheduled for November at the Century Club was cancelled and will be held instead on February 26, 2017. Cindy, Bill & Pat will be Co-Chairpersons. Bruce Toder will be the director. Ricky Briggs will do the cooking. The charity will again be Food Link. A suggestion was made that we have a one-session Swiss for 299er's and put teams together for the second session. Offer anyone who wants to stay a free play but they would need to pay for lunch. Another suggestion was maybe Bruce should run a Swiss Pro-Am. We could try it at the Charity Game and see how it works out.

Spring Sectional – April 8 & 9, 2017 will be held at the Knights of Columbus. Cindy and Barb are Co-Chairs.

199er Sectional – April 21-22, 2017 will be held at the Century Club. Mary Lou and Barb are Co-Chairpersons. Barb will get people to help.

Phil Clark Pro-Am – scheduled for May 30, 2017 at Temple Sinai.

Summer Sectional – July 15 & 16m 2017. Jane and Jack are Co-Chairpersons. Location to be determined.

Fall Sectional – October 14 & 15, 2017 at Knights of Columbus. Kathy and Sandy are Co-Chairpersons.

NAP C District Final will be held October 14 at the Sectional.

Fall Charity Swiss – November 19th?? – 1 Day Swiss. Susan & Stewart are Co-Chairpersons. Location to be determined.

Susan suggested possibly having a charity event at either Irondequoit or Midvale Country Club.

All flyers need to be checked before they go out so there are no mistakes on them.

Mentoring Program: Susan handed out a list of all the Mentees and their Mentors. She said the program had been very popular. Susan will chair a committee to celebrate the people who participated in the mentoring program. Cindy volunteered to assist her.

Awards: A suggestion was made that we have an Awards Dinner since it was felt that the present way of giving out awards at the first sectional of the year was not working. The board also voted on the Good Will player of the year.

RABA Website: Gary said there should be more on the website in regard to teaching. Cindy will take care of seeing that more information in regard to current bridge teaching courses are listed on the website.

Newsletter: Sandy will work on a newsletter. It was suggested that a newsletter could be published on the website after sectionals.

Scoring Pads: The group discussed the replacement of the scoring pads since some of them are not working properly and will need to be replaced soon. A suggestion was made that we purchase the type of pads that Buffalo uses. Gary will check into what the replacement cost would be and will let us know at the next meeting.

Photos: More photos are needed of players who are not on the common page. After the photo is taken it needs to be sent to Bruce with their ACBL No.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Stockton, Secretary