

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY  
Thursday, January 26, 2017**

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

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

**Minutes:** Jane made a motion to approve the minutes; Jack seconded it. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barb McIver made a motion to approve the report; Pat seconded it. Motion approved.

**Duplimate Machine:** Mary Miller asked to use the duplimate machine at the Regional and purchase cards. Jane made a motion to approve Mary using the machine for \$100 and purchasing the cards at \$1.60 per deck; Barbara seconded it. Motion approved.

**Unit Board Discontinuing Awards:** Lois asked to speak to the Board regarding a recent ruling by the Unit to discontinue awards to those who achieved levels beyond Life Master. Lois has sent a letter to DeWitt Henricks, President of the Unit, regarding this. It was felt that some sort of award should be given to those individuals. Lois has asked Margie Spence to check the books she has on the types of awards that are available. Jane made a motion that RABA strongly supports the Unit giving some type of award to recognize more advanced players instead of eliminating them. Jack seconded it. Motion unanimously approved.

**Discussion on New Scoring Pads and RABA's Responsibility:** A question was raised as to whether we need better equipment. Gary informed us that the printer is of high quality. Our duplimate machine is on the old side but money is put away after every sectional in order to purchase one when we need a new one. Regarding the handheld scoring machines, there are two types Bridge Mates and the ones we have. Right now we pay 50% for any machines that need repairs. Cheryl and Duncan own half and Doug and Bruce the other half. Jane made a motion that RABA pay one-half for 10 new machines. Pat seconded it. Motion approved. Jane and Jack submitted information on hardware called Card Dealer which was used at a tournament in Florida that they attended.

**Webmaster:** Discussion was held on compensating the webmaster for all his work. The webmaster for the Unit receives \$500 a year. Sandy made a motion that we pay Doug Bradley \$200 every 6 months. Stewart seconded it. Motion approved. Discussion on new software for the website was adjourned to a later date.

**Charity Tournament:** Pat and Bill will be Co-Chairmen. Ricky will be cooking chicken, roasted potatoes, etc. and each team is asked to bring a dish to pass and a dessert or snack. Food Link will be the charity honored. The 299er's will have a caddy.

**Sectionals:** All sectionals have been scheduled for 2017. Gary asked that the flyers for upcoming sectionals be done as soon as possible.

**Good Will Player:** The award will be given out at the February 26 Charity Tournament.

**Bridge Teachers:** Gary has asked all teachers to give him a schedule of classes for 2017 but so far no one has responded.

**Mentoring:** Program is going well. An update will be given by Susan at the next meeting.

**Directories:** Lois said all our directories are sold out. Cindy has an updated file. Since it has been two years since the last publication, Gary will talk to Cindy about it.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary