

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY  
Thursday, April 20, 2017**

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

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy submitted reports for the Spring Sectional, RABA Charity Game, and the Treasurer's Report for the period 1/23/17 – 4/20/17. The report shows we have a working cash balance of \$9,511.44. \$883.32 was sent to Foodlink. This was down about \$200 from last year. Suggested next year we put out a basket for extra donations. Barb moved we accept the Treasurer's Report; Pat seconded it. Motion approved.

**Spring Sectional** – Many people did not like the Dupli-Swiss that was held on Sunday. Jane said that Buffalo's Dupli-Swiss games are better run and it was felt that Bruce did not explain the movement enough.

**Statistical Data:** Gary submitted a report on the increase in club attendance from 2015 to 2016 which showed that all the clubs had increased attendance. The only club which is struggling is the Monday night game. Cindy said that the Monday night game will not be viable unless the beginners play since presently there are only about 8 regular players. However, the beginners would rather play fewer boards. Cindy will do a survey of the players to see whether they would be interested in starting the game at 6:30 p.m.

Gary also submitted a report on the usage of the website. It was felt that the website should be promoted more.

**Scoring Pads:** Duncan has indicated he is not interested in paying half the cost for 10 new units. Bridge Mate Scoring Machines hold up better but can't be used for Swiss Tournaments.

**RABA Awards Banquet:** The following people volunteered to serve on an awards committee: Roger, Sandy, Kathy, Pat, Susan and Cindy. Gary will set up a meeting after the regional.

**Upcoming Events:**

**199er Sectional** will be held at the Century Club on April 21 & 22.

**Pro-Am** is scheduled for May 31.

**Summer Sectional** will be held July 15 and 16. Jane and Jack are Co-Chairmen. Jane will be using the caterer that she normally uses. Roger suggested we hire teenagers to carry tables in and out. A suggestion was made that we pay them \$20.00 an hour.

**Directory of RABA Members:** Our equipment is not suited to doing a booklet. Gary will send a list of members to Cindy in Excel. A motion was made by Susan that the cost of constant contact be picked up by RABA and that the expense would be retroactive to January 1, 2017. Barb seconded it. Motion approved. A notice will be sent out to members asking if they want their information printed or if they can ask to be unsubscribed. The names would then be on printed copy but not on electronic copy. Kathy made a motion that we run the distribution list and explain what it is and if members want to opt out they need to notify us by a certain date. Cindy seconded it. Motion approved.

**Mentoring Program:** Susan said 46 players were being mentored and she feels the program needs to be continued. Gary said maybe we could take it up a little to higher levels. Susan will write something up.

**Recorder:** Lois said that years ago we had a Recorder here in Rochester. This was an individual that if players had a problem they could go to. A motion was made by Cindy to look for someone who could act as a Recorder ; Jane seconded it. The following individuals have agreed to be on this committee: Roger, Stew and Lois.

**Nominating Committee:** Sandy will chair the committee.

**Charity Game:** Kathy said we should be thinking about who the charity will be next year.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 31 at 3:30.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary