

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
Monday, July 31, 2017**

Present: Pat Connell, Stewart Cramer, Gary Gottermeier, Bill Hettrick, Jack Kress, Kathy Landon, Susan McCartney, Barbara McIver, Jane Romal, and Sandy Stockton. Adviser- Lois Sanders. Guests: Tom Long and Doug Bradley. Absent: Cindy Reid and Roger Woodin.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Kathy submitted the Treasurer's Report for the period of 4/21/17 – 7/31/17 and the Summer Sectional Report. Kathy stated that we made a lot of money on the sectional because we had more tables. Kathy said the Fat Cow expense was the fee we pay for operating the website. Also, Doug was paid \$200 as webmaster. Everyone agreed that the website has improved immensely.

A discussion ensued about Doug becoming a director. One thing he needs to do is to be an assistant director. Kathy said we should use Doug as an assistant director for RABA Sectionals on Saturdays when the assigned director approves.

Gary said that since we now have over \$10,000 in the treasury we need to think of other places to spend the money; especially to have bridge grow.

Tables – Gary suggested we purchase 5 new tables. Pat made a motion to purchase the tables; Stew seconded it. Motion approved.

Duplimate Machine: Money has been set aside for a new machine when we need one. A new machine will use regular cards so the same boards should fit. The new Bridge Mates, however, will not work for a Swiss. The other pads could then be offered to another group; possibly Mary Lou Lawson, Geneseo or Canandaigua.

Elections: There are 4 positions open for RABA and 2 positions open on the Unit Board. Kathy and Gary indicated they would run again for the Unit Board. *(Note: since the meeting Susan McCarthy decided to run for the Unit Board so Gary dropped out.)*

Caddies: Kathy said that Brian overpaid the caddies at the sectional. A question was raised since \$80 was paid at the regional should we keep it at \$80 for future sectionals. Lois said that we should have a list of expectations that caddies are responsible for. Bill made a motion that we pay \$80 to caddies on a regular basis; however \$60 for first-time caddies in training. Motion approved.

Unit Meeting (7/15/17): The Unit has changed their policy regarding free plays. Every level will get two free plays; however, they need to be played on the same day. Silver, Gold and Diamond will receive 2 free plays plus an award of their choice from Baron Barclay. A question was raised as to whether to give out awards on a Tuesday once a month. It should be put on the website that we are giving out awards.

Mentoring : Tom Long has been working with a gentleman at the Episcopal Home who wants to play duplicate bridge. He is handicapped and needs someone to play his cards. Discussion ensued as to how to assist this gentleman. RABA has no jurisdiction over whether someone can play in a game. Susan said she and possibly Mary Ann Morrow will play with Tom and this gentleman at the home.

Appreciation Banquet: The banquet is scheduled for August 20. Gary said so far we have 12 teams signed up. However, it doesn't look like we will have enough for a 299er section. Since we made so much at the sectional, a suggestion was made that we charge only \$60 a team rather than \$80. This would cover the expenses of the director and room and RABA would pick up the dinner. Barb made a motion that RABA cover the cost of the meal. Susan seconded it. Motion approved. Gary will rewrite the flyer listing the cost as \$60 per team. Susan will try to get more 299ers interested in the banquet.

Fall Sectional: Scheduled for October 14 & 15. Kathy and Sandy are Co-Chairmen.

NAP Finals: NAP C is scheduled for October 7 at Potter; NAP B will be held in Vestal and the NAP A will be held in King of Prussia, PA.

Charity Swiss: This tournament is scheduled for November 19, 2017. Susan and another board member will be in charge. Need to put a basket out at the tournament for donations. Susan made a motion that Food Link be the charity we will donate to. Stew seconded it. Motion approved.

Directories: Seven updates have been sent to Cindy. Cindy said it is better to just reprint the directory periodically rather than add an addendum.

Mentoring: Roger Woodin is going to start precision lessons in the Fall. Doug said we could use the boardroom at the temple possibly on a Thursday or Friday. A suggestion was made that maybe Roger could also have lessons for the more advanced players on subjects such as defensive bidding, play of the hand, defense against precision and carding.

299er Mentoring: Susan said she was going to push the mentoring program again in September.

RABA Name Tags: Gary said that maybe RABA could purchase Name Tags with just the person's name and RABA on them. Kathy suggested we solicit the bridge community as to how many would want them and would like to purchase them. Gary will talk to Margie as to where would be the best place to purchase them.

Monday Evening Game: The Monday night game was cancelled recently because there were not enough people there. A suggestion was made whether RABA could help by subsidizing the game. Lois made a motion that Gary find out from Bruce what we can do to subsidize the game. Gary will call an Executive Board Meeting if a decision needs to be made.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2017 at 3:30.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary