

ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY

OCTOBER 23, 2017

Revised on December 10, 2017

PRESENT: Gary Gottermeier, Barbara McIver, Roger Woodin, Kathy Landon, Jane Romal, Bill Hettrick, Jack Kress, Lois Sanders, Jan Egger, Priscilla Brown, Scootie Seeman, Ken Knight and Pat Connell

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Gottermeier at 3:30 P.M.. He gave a warm welcome to new members: Priscilla Brown, Jan Egger, Scootie Seeman and Ken Knight.

MINUTES: Jan moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, prepared by Secretary Sandy Stockton. Jane seconded, all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There were four separate reports distributed by Kathy: End of Year, Final Quarter, Fall Sectional, and Member Appreciation Event. We have \$14,767 cash on hand of which \$4,250 is reserved for a new duplicate machine. The new model would cost less than \$5,000 according to Doug, and even though we do not need a one immediately, there are improvements to consider such as: no requirements for bar codes. Bar coded cards do not cost much more than regular cards, but they don't have a long life. For an extra 75 cents per deck, pure plastic cards are available which last much longer. They are available from a Swedish company. We should discuss whether or not these can be used on the new machines. See Kathy's complete treasurer's report for further information on our financial status.

ELECTIONS: Jack presented the list of nominees for office: President: Gary, Vice President: Jane, Treasurer: Kathy, Member at Large: Roger and Secretary: Pat. Priscilla motioned that the list be approved, Bill seconded and all were in favor.

UNIT BOARD: Four people from RABA are also on the Unit Board, two being elected every year for a two year term. Now serving are Kathy, Doug, Sandy and Susan. Unit meetings are held at the Moose Club in Henrietta, but Lois raised concern about the downstairs smoking room. Because of its undesirability, we need to address this issue with the Moose Club. Lois is a past president who is now serving as an advisor to RABA, and her thoughts are valued by our members.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Kathy offered to be on the nominating committee since she will not be running next year.

PUBLICATION/INSTANT MAIL: Cindy Reid will continue to provide this service, and Barb offered to help her.

MENTORING PROGRAM: Susan McCartney is still willing to direct this program, and Priscilla agreed to help her on a short term basis.

CARDS AND CONDOLENCES: Arlene Clarkson has agreed to continue this duty for the next year.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Jane offered to work with Cindy on the awards committee.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Jane will continue to head the Audit committee.

TEACHING: Gary said that there is a difference between Mentoring and Teaching. Teaching is generally paid for by the students where Mentoring is free. Roger/Ricky have agreed to continue their Tuesday morning lectures for free. Other classes may incur a charge.

MONDAY EVENING GAME: Cindy sent out notices about the Monday night game for non life masters, hoping to increase attendance; and this appears to be working. We should encourage players who are still working to participate in the advancement of bridge. Bruce Toder agreed to direct this game providing there are at least 5 tables. Gary suggested that RABA pay for one table if only 4 show up. Jane made the motion to approve, Barb seconded and all approved this policy for a six month period. Game begins at 7:00 p.m. It was thought that a 6:30 p.m. start would help attendance.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Tournament schedules were distributed. Our next tournament is the Charity Swiss team event to be held at the Knights of Columbus in Webster on November 19th, chaired by Susan McCartney and Craig Duncan and directed by Cheryl and Duncan. Proceeds to Food Link. Ricky Briggs will prepare the meal to be included in the charge for "Open Teams" and for an extra \$5.00 for 299ers. BettyAnn will handle the coffee, Kathy will bring the bagels and Gary will arrange to transport the tables and chairs from his garage. Participating players are asked to help move the equipment after the game.

CANANDAIGUA GAME: Director Mary Miller sends out reminder post cards to players who present the card to the director when they attend a game. The director signs the card, then the player brings the signed card to the next game for a free play. Kathy suggested that Bruce do the same for the Monday night game in hopes of increasing attendance. Mary Miller's number is 394-7899 if you have an interest in her game.

DISTRICT MEETINGS: Volunteers are needed. Those interested should contact DeWitt Henricks. Meetings are usually held in Lancaster Pennsylvania.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRS FOR 2018: Spring Sectional: Barb, Priscilla and Ken; Summer Sectional: Jane, Jack and Jan; Fall Sectional: Bill and Pat; ProAm: Gary and Duncan; Member Appreciation: Kathy and Scootie and Charity Game in November: Roger and Kathy. Chair persons are advised to bring receipts for tournament expenses to Kathy for reimbursement.

2017 FALL SECTIONAL: We hosted 110 tables, up 25% over the previous year. We made \$1,327 on the tournament. Doug advised that we have a double session for the 299ers from now on since it is a long way to travel for some for only one session, and the point distribution is much higher if we have both open and 299 double session.

2017 SUMMER PICNIC TOURNAMENT: The lunch provided by the caterers at the K of C was not up to the standards since we expected more food. Jane had prepared a large tossed salad as an addition to the meal, but it was gone after only half of the people were served. From now on, it was suggested that we have multiple salads and that team members do the serving to avoid running out. It is mandatory that servers wear plastic gloves.

GOODWILL PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Three people were suggested, and Kathy nominated one of them. Priscilla seconded and all approved the selection. A plaque will be awarded at the February tournament.

NAME TAGS: Margie Spence is a contact person who has information about the purchase of name tags. It was suggested that members buy their own at an approximate cost of \$5.00. Priscilla displayed one she purchased in Syracuse for \$10.00 which had a magnetic clasp. We need to have the player's name and RABA included on the tag.

PICTURES ON THE COMMON PAGE: Scootie Seeman offered to do the pictures. A picture (head shot) of 100 X 125 pixels is needed. Talk to Bruce Toder for specifics. Send picture and ACBL number to Bruce who will enter it into the Common Game.

NAMING EVENT IN PHADELPHIA: It was decided not to participate; however, if members want to name an event they are advised to do it on their own.

PURCHASE OR RENTAL OF AN EVENT CENTER: I was asked not to take notes on this discussion since it is in its infancy. Many ideas were floated which were food for thought. Kathy brought up the fact that our revenue comes primarily from tournaments, not dues; and that this should be considered in any decision we make. Roger discussed options for purchasing a building for games and tournaments, anticipating that one day we might not have access to places at a reasonable cost. It was stated that Duncan and Cheryl may retire in the next five years, and the continuation of the Tuesday and Wednesday games is in question.

Members are asked to think about issues that affect our organization and offer solutions.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 22, 2018 at Temple B'rith Kodesh following the game held there.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; Kathy made the motion, Priscilla seconded and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Connell, Secretary