

REVISED MINUTES
ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
JANUARY 22, 2018

PRESENT: Gary Gottermeier, Kathy Landon, Barbara McIver, Roger Woodin, Bill Hettrick, Priscilla Brown, Doug Bradley, Scootie Seeman, Ken Knight, Jan Egger, Lois Sanders, and Pat Connell. Absent were: Jane Romal and Jack Kress. Also present was Jerry Manioci who wished to address the club over food selections at tournaments.

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Gottermeier at 3:35 p.m.

MINUTES: Priscilla moved to approve the minutes of our October 23, 2017 meeting, Barb seconded and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy reported proceeds from the Charity Game of \$534 plus an additional \$329 in cash and \$185 in checks written directly to Food Link. We sent a total of \$1,048 to Food Link. She also reported that we have \$14,952 in our treasury out of which \$4,250 is allocated for a new duplicate machine, leaving us with a working capital of \$10,702. For details, consult Kathy's report.

TOURNAMENT SUGGESTIONS: Jerry Manioci asked permission to discuss food selections at our tournaments, suggesting that we offer more healthy choices. Scootie pointed out that many of the foods served are sticky and/or messy, and she suggested that these types of foods be avoided to protect the playing cards. Lois suggested that each person bring a mug for personal use to lessen the cost and clutter. The general consensus is that we should advise tournament chair people to consider these suggestions when preparing for events.

FOOD FOR TOURNAMENTS: Gary mentioned that restaurants provided the food in the "old days", making matters more simple. The idea of food trucks was discussed, but they have a conflict with the Knights of Columbus, and they were less than desirable at the Buffalo tournament according to Gary. Members are asked to come up with ideas, otherwise, we may have to leave things as they are. For the February Member Appreciation event, Salvatore's was asked to provide the food, but they have not committed yet. If they do not, Hegedorns was suggested by Roger as an alternative. A pasta meal with rigatoni and sauce, meatballs, tossed salad, cheese, bread and individual fruit cups (to avoid running out of fruit) was discussed. No desserts except a cookie tray and brownies would be served. Bagels and cream cheese, coffee and juice would be served at registration time.

UNIT BOARD: The next meeting is April 7, 2018 to be held at the Moose Club in Henrietta. Following the retirement of Dewitt Henricks, Pat Stadelmaier will be acting president.

DUPLICATE MACHINE: Doug suggested that a new machine be purchased by our club before the next regional tournament since ours is nearing the end of its life. Bar coded cards can be used on both the old and new machines. Doug advised that we charge for the use of our machine at regional tournaments, and Roger said he would inquire about new machines when he goes to the National tournament. Barb moved to allow directors to rent our machine, and Priscilla seconded; all approved.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: Bookings for upcoming tournaments are as follows: Charity games at the Knights of Columbus in Webster and Summer Sectional at the Moose Club in Henrietta. Brian Meyer has agreed to be director, and we will pay Doug to assist him in the hope that, with Brian's input, Doug will be approved as a sanctioned regional director.

UPCOMING CHARGES WE ANTICIPATE: \$436 – copy machine, \$276 - tables and \$228 – cards. These charges are based on the last actual charges; however, it is unlikely that we will have charges for tables. (We are charged 5 cents for a color copy, and we charge directors 10 cents per copy.)

WINTER SECTIONAL: Since Syracuse dropped the tournament three years ago, it is open for any club which chooses to run it. If we choose to run it, do we drop the charity game and the member appreciation game? Would this be a three day sectional? Right now we are fine with a two day event, but we need to further discuss this and determine if Brian would be able to act as director. Lois says we don't need Brian. The unit has extra sanctions, and no silver points are available unless the tournament is identified as a sectional. Kathy suggested that a three day might work, but she is also concerned about weather conditions preventing full attendance. Doug also expressed concern since one third of our members are in Florida during the winter. Jan moved that we run the three day winter sectional, but no one seconded; and the issue was dropped for the time being.

LOCATIONS FOR TOURNAMENTS: Medley Mall in Irondequoit was suggested as a possible site if it materializes, but concern over congregating teenagers might be a problem.

MEMBER APPRECIATION: A plaque will be purchased for our honored member, Sandy Stockton. The award is based on: friendliness, helpfulness and assistance to new players. It cannot be given to anyone currently serving on the RABA Board, nor can it be given to anyone who has previously received the award. 299ers are eligible. Next Fall, we will vote on a new candidate. Jane is in charge of the plaque selection. \$60 will be collected for each participating team in the tournament, and 200 flyers have already been printed. Chair people are advised to make spread sheets to encourage people to participate and get their teams together.

SUMMER SECTIONALS: There is a different designation of points (0-750 = C, 750-2000 = B and 2000+ = A). The 299 classification is now a two session game, allowing participants to earn more points. Even if you play in only one session. The game will still

be identified as double session event with the director allocating the points accordingly. A one session game will take place on Sunday. A \$5 - \$6 lunch will be served, but if the cost of the lunch exceeds that, the club is prepared to make up the difference since we have the funds to do so.

EDUCATION: Check out lessons given by Sally Hill on Saturday mornings, the Monday night program conducted by Cindy Reid and other lessons offered by Roger Woodin, Ricky Briggs and Dick Folwell. Mary Lou Lawson has also served as a teacher, and she can be asked about duplicate boards, the Audrey Grant bidding book and the Standard American convention card. ACBL offers remuneration to teachers for supplies.

CONSTANT CONTACT: Barb stated that she did get in touch with Cindy Reid who runs the program, and it was agreed that Barb will be her assistant.

ZERO TOLERANCE: Lois suggested that Roger discuss the Zero Tolerance protocol and ways to handle disturbances. Scootie mentioned that there is a list of recommendations put out by ACBL. Roger says, "Always say, 'Well done' to a new player, say 'director, please' and never gloat or give lessons at the table." Lois suggested that we might need a recorder (a person to whom we report incidents of bad behavior), particularly when it occurs on multiple occasions.

NAME TAGS: Kathy reported that "Seven No-trump" is a vender who provides magnetic name tags for \$6 - \$11 each, depending on the simplicity of the cards. Pat moved that we authorize Kathy to make the decision about purchasing them., Barb seconded and all approved. It was noted that if bought individually, the tags would be 2-3 times more costly.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 19, 2018, we will meet at Temple B'rith Kodesh immediately after the game there.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Barb moved to adjourn, Bill seconded and all approved.

Respectively submitted,

Patricia Connell, Secretary