

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY**  
**APRIL 19, 2018**

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

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

MINUTES: Jan moved to approve the minutes from our January 22, 2018 meeting, Roger seconded and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy submitted three reports including the Ending Balance and Sectional and RABA Appreciation tournaments. We have a balance of \$10,500 after the purchase of the duplicate machine. She suggested that we fix the old machine to be used as a back-up and at regional tournaments. Ken motioned that we accept, Jane seconded and all approved.

UNIT 112: Doug should be notified of any stories related to Unit 112 since he is Unit Webmaster. There is no report from Sandy at this meeting. Mary Miller, who has replaced Sally Hill on the Unit Board, focuses on education and teacher recruitment at summer sectionals. Courses are free to Unit 112 members. Roger Woodin's lessons have been greatly appreciated, and they are free on Tuesdays prior to the game at Temple Sinai. The discussion of Unit awards has been tabled until the November meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Booked at K of C and the Henrietta Moose Club through 2019. Roger is investigating the Henrietta Rec Center and the India Center to determine if they are feasible locations for future tournaments. Gary prefers the Henrietta Rec Center because of its

ease of access. The K of C will need a 60 day cancellation if we decide on a new place. It is possible that we may be able to use the kitchen again at the K of C. Jane, Jack and Jan are chairing the Summer sectional at the Moose Club. A catered chicken barbeque is considered, but help will be needed to take the tables downstairs. We should make sure the Moose Club is aware of our needs and that they are ready for us at the tournament. Gary says we don't have enough boards for duplicate team games. Jane offered to call the director to get his advice. Gary also suggested that we serve apples and bananas on Saturday and Sunday as healthy alternatives to doughnuts, etc. If we do have doughnuts, Joe Sargeant will pick them up. Mats for glasses are also needed to prevent glasses from slipping. We have these in our storage area. Jane suggested that a partnership person be designated.

**DOGS AND ANIMALS AT GAMES:** Players complained about Phoenix being at the temple games, and it was decided that no animals be allowed except those which are needed as service animals. To justify the "service" label, the person must prove that the animal is needed. There is criteria established to use as a reference for this. Fear and allergies were cited as reasons to ban animals. If the animal does qualify, it must be kept under control and always at the side of the disabled person. Gary stated that no rule that opposes the ACBL should be implemented. Gary will ask the director to deal with this issue. Barb made the motion that no animals be allowed, other than service dogs; Jack seconded, and the vote passed with nine approving and two dissents.

**ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS:** Ken would like to see more high schools having bridge available to their students. Mercy and Pittsford Central Schools need a representative for a bridge club. Mary Lou Lawson has shown interest in advancing this idea.

**NAME TAGS:** Scootie offered to put together 12 tags to see if members of the RABA Board would wear them and see if the other members would want them after seeing them on the RABA members. Name tags would fit into plastic frames. Magnetic holders would cost an extra \$1.50

**NO FRAGRANCE POLICY:** Because of allergies, perfumes are now banned from all RABA games.

COFFEE MUGS: Priscilla encouraged members to bring their own coffee mugs to prevent spills and for ecological reasons. Mugs with tops were suggested. Jan made the motion to approve, Priscilla seconded and all approved.

TABLES: Since many of the tables are in rough shape, Scootie suggested that covers of washable materials be purchased. New tables cost \$40.00 each and Gary stated that the new tables, if we choose to purchase them, would be owned by RABA, rather than by the directors as it stands now. Gary will look into table selection. Kathy suggested that we buy good quality tables. Five were voted on to buy right away. WalMart may have them. Fifteen more are under consideration.

DUNCAN'S RETIREMENT: In anticipation of Duncan's retirement, we need to be thinking about his replacement. His retirement is not imminent at this point, but we should be prepared for it when it comes. Gary will discuss this with Duncan.

NEXT MEETING: July 30, 2018. Elections and nominees will be on that agenda.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Pat moved to adjourn, Kathy seconded and all approved.