

ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
OCTOBER 15, 2018

PRESENT: Gary Gottermeier, Kathy Landon, Jan Egger, Ken Knight, Barbara McIver, Priscilla Brown, Jim Patton, Patricia Connell, Jerry Manioci, Lois Sanders and Doug Bradley. Absent were Jane Romal, Jack Kress, Bill Hettrick, Scootie Seeman and Roger Woodin.

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Gottermeier at 3:40 p.m.

Presentation by Sally Hill: Sally gave us an update on the mentoring program just prior to the meeting. She will elaborate on it at the next meeting since so many members were not there to hear it in its entirety.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Gary gave a warm welcome to Jim Patton who is our newly elected member.

MINUTES: Jan moved to approve the minutes from our July 30, 2018 meeting, Priscilla seconded and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy gave us our current balance of \$11,945.40 which is what was in our account after the Fall Sectional. Included in her report were the fourth quarter and 2017-2018 year end reports along with the Fall Sectional receipts and expenses. Kathy reminded tournament chair people to get reimbursement for their expenses so that an accurate record of real costs can be established. Jim suggested that an inventory of expensive equipment be taken and that a determination be made as to when these items need to be replaced. Pat moved to approve the treasurer's report, Jim seconded and all approved.

ELECTION OF RABA OFFICERS: Elected for office for 2018-2019 are **President:** Gary Gottermeier, **Vice President:** Ken Knight, **Treasurer:** Barbara McIver, **Secretary:** Patricia Connell and **Member at large:** Jim Patton.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: **Audit Committee:** Ken Knight, **Tournament Committee:** Jim Patton, **Publication & Communication Committee:** Barb McIver & Cindy Reid, **Awards Committee:** Jane Romal & Cindy Reid, **Mentoring Program:** Priscilla Brown, **Nomination & Elections Committee:** Jim Patton and Scootie Seeman, **Youth Program:** Ken Knight and **Sunshine Committee:** Arlene Clarkson.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRS 2019: **Member Appreciation:** Scootie Seeman and Gary Gottermeier, **Spring Sectional:** Priscilla Brown and Barbara McIver, **Summer Sectional:** Jane Romal, Jack Kress and Jan Eggar, **Pro-Am Games May and August:** Jim Patton and Gary Gottermeier will assist Cheryl & Duncan, **Fall Sectional:** Bill

Hettrick and Pat Connell and **Fall Charity Game**: Roger Woodin, Ken Knight and Scootie Seeman.

FALL SECTIONAL: Held in Webster on October 6th and 7th, 2018 and chaired by Bill and Pat. A meal of subs, wraps, green salad and fruit salad, soda and chips was served on Sunday; and on Saturday, bagels, cream cheese, clementines and grapes; Sunday registration, doughnuts and coffee. Jerry Manioci suggested that healthy alternatives be served instead of doughnuts, and it was agreed that the doughnuts would be supplemented with fruit next year. Pat reported that there was also a request for vegan choices, and Barbara suggested that we ask Wegmans to provide us with some vegan wraps in addition to the ones they provided this year.

CHARITY GAME ON NOVEMBER 18, 2018: Kathy Landon and Roger Woodin will chair this event. It will have a charge of \$48 per team for 299er teams playing one session and having no lunch, \$100 per team for open teams playing two sessions and having lunch provided. A meal of Sloppy Joes, Salads and Sodas will be served. Proceeds to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Members are asked to bring snacks or desserts to compliment the meal.

MEMBER APPRECIATION BANQUET: On February 24, 2019, Scootie Seeman and Gary Gottermeier will chair this tournament.

GOODWILL PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Members are asked to consider someone who has exhibited generosity, kindness and reliability to be nominated for this award. Nominations will be taken at our January meeting, and voting will ensue.

EVENING BRIDGE GAMES: It was noted that Bruce Toder is canceling his Monday night game if there weren't five tables, and some members were upset that they made the effort after work to play, only to be sent home. Gary said he would talk to Bruce.

MENTORING PROGRAM: Priscilla informed us that there are only 4 people who have agreed to mentor, and that it is hard to keep the program going without more help. Jerry offered to be of assistance, and Barb offered to look into old rules regarding the qualifications for mentors. Jim suggested that we develop a list of duties or a job description so as not to discourage members from participating, fearing that some might not mentor because of their perceived lack of qualifications. Priscilla also informed us of Tom Long's hope to get John Liston involved in the open game at the temple. Tom has been working with John who is severely disabled, but who has a strong desire to play bridge. The problem may be that his play is unavoidably slow, but we decided that we could and should indulge him at least at some games, perhaps limiting the number of boards to be played. A further discussion with Tom may determine when this might happen. Tom also requested that members of the board go to St. John's Home to observe what he is doing there and give him some feedback. Normally he is at St. John's Home at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings.

YOUTH PROGRAM: This is now on hold according to Ken, but he did mention that two students at McQuaid showed interest in forming a club.

BRIDGE SITE: Unfortunately, there is no positive information to pass on. A discussion ensued about enlisting donors, and Lois suggested that we advertise on the Bridge Website to see if anyone would want to contribute or leave a legacy. Right now we have use of Temple B'rith Kodesh until March 2019 for the Friday games. Our Monday Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Games will be held At Temple Sinai starting in December 2018.

NAME BADGES: Scootie was absent. We will discuss this with her at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: January 11th or January 18th, 2019 (Fridays) are available. A memo will be sent when the date has been determined.

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

Respectively submitted,

Patricia Connell, Secretary