

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019**

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

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Gottermeier at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES: Ken moved to approve the minutes from our May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Jim seconded and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Refer to Barbara's report.

SUMMER SECTIONALS: Jane reported that everything is set for the sectionals. Gary will have the tables ready to be picked up at 8:30 a.m. the day of the tournament. Scootie reported that BettyAnn's son is willing to help.

AUGUST REGIONAL: Gary asked for board approval to rent our tables and equipment for use at the tournament at the same price as last year. Jane inquired about hospitality, and Doug told her that all was arranged with Sandy Stockton and Kathy Landon agreeing to serve as hosts. Jane moved to approve, Jim seconded and all approved.

RABA YEARLY BUDGET: Jim proposed that we have a budget and had asked Barbara and Ken to work with him on developing one. Gary asked why we needed a budget, and Jim said that the games would be more enjoyable if we had some idea of how our money will be spent. Ken reported that most groups have made provisions for a budget and that it would make sense for us to have one. Jim says our decision is not to be based on Unit policy because we are independent. Mark McDermott, the newly elected unit treasurer has probably little information on the subject due to his short tenure. Jim thinks that a budget does not need to be complicated, but that it would be important to know, for example, that the Charity and Member appreciation games took in less that they spent. We should also address our charges for communication expenses. Barbara suggested that we could discuss these issues without a formal budget. It is hard to plan and budget, not knowing what the attendance is going to be at various events. Gary suggested that we vote every year on what we are going to do with our money without a budget. Ken favors having one. Lois pointed out that in previous years we did have a budget so that this is not an entirely new idea. Jerry then moved to have a budget, Ken seconded; but Barb stated that she will not have the time to work on one as a member of the committee. Jim then said he would take on the task by himself. Lois asked if we could buy 300

decks of cards. Apparently Kathy Landon has information regarding the cost. Duncan has said that he has asked that defective decks be discarded, no questions asked; however, Lois is afraid that some may be discarded that are not that bad. In the past the Regional had given us 300 decks, and Barb stated that she would look in her records to see how many decks we purchased and at what price. Jerry cited health concerns over dirty decks, Doug said a lot of time was involved in examining the cards for defects. Ken suggested that hand cleaners be used; Jane suggested that players refrain from touching their faces when using the cards. Gary asked Doug to announce a “card handling policy” at the next Tuesday game at Temple Sinai.

**DUPLICATING MACHINE:** Jim will place an ad for our old duplicating machine with ACBL and any other appropriate advertising site. Ken’s son will help with the ad placement. We will get a report at our next meeting.

**TABLES FOR SINAI:** The tables we are purchasing are off white with a slightly textured surface, \$44 each from Cosco. Jim ordered 29 with the knowledge that Duncan wants to order with us and that Bruce Toder wants to order on his own. These are not to be charged on our credit card. Mary Mansfield, executive director, was informed, and she will arrange to have their staff unload the delivery when it arrives at Sinai. We will need volunteers to help the day of the delivery. Existing tables will be discarded except for some of the better ones which will be moved to Potter Place. Our tables should be marked “RABA” with Tuesday’s date. Scootie says that cleaning them may be a problem, but Jane said that she was able to remove ink stains with washing, and Jim chipped yellow spots off. With Bruce paying for his own tables, we will have 40 new tables plus 5 good ones from our stock. As web master, Doug has been charged for the use of his credit card, and Gary asked him to submit a bill to Kathy – as much as \$177. Jim moved to pay the \$177, Barbara seconded and all approved. From now on we will use only the RABA credit card.

**CHARITY AND MEMBER APPRECIATION GAMES:** Ken asked that teams with 2000 or more master points be “A” rated (3 credits), teams with 750 or more be “B” rated (2 credits) and teams with less than 750 be rated “C” (1 credit). The games would be similar to ProAms. Barb suggested that we try it one time and see how it goes.

**GOODWILL PLAYER:** The same criteria will be applied as last year. Only one section is to be played on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Lois offered to help with the game.

**YOUTH PROGRAM:** Ken has received no robust responses to his request for help in seeking students to participate in a bridge program. Perhaps middle and elementary students would be more amenable to participation, and we should have a place in the chess camp. Roger did have a tutorial at Gates Chili Central in which elementary, middle and high school students participated along with some teachers. The response was favorable, but it was the only one so far. Ken is still hoping that he can get other schools on board. Jerry suggested that bridge players bring family members to games to encourage new people to play. The movie, “Double, Dummy” is a good introduction to the game. It could be presented at both high school and college levels and maybe even

middle and elementary levels. The movie is available for downloading and streaming. John McAllister is the producer. October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Double Dummy Day. Scootie will make up posters advertising at the chess center. Roger estimates that the chess club will be helpful in recruitment because of their association with other schools. Barb suggested School of the Arts as a possibility. Both Bill Gates and Warren Buffet have been big contributors to youth bridge.

NAME TAGS. Once we order, we have a 25% discount for life. 69 people have ordered thus far at a charge of \$7.00 each. Ordered separately the charge would be \$5.25 plus a \$7 delivery fee. These are magnetic so that no pins are required. The delivery fee is the same whether we order one or 69 plus. Available colors are red, blue and black.

PICTURES: Our pictures can be sent to Bruce Toder. He needs 125 X 155 pixels of head size photos.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was discussed.

DATE OF SUMMER SECTIONAL: July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday and Sunday)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be announced

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

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED: Patricia Connell, Secretary