

**ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (RABA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016**

Present: Stewart Cramer, Jan Eggar, Gary Gottermeier, Bill Hettrick, Jack Kress, Kathy Landon, Barbara McIver, Jane Romal, Sandy Stockton. **Guests:** Doug Bradley and Lois Sanders. **Absent:** Susan McCartney, Cindy Reid and Jerry Weiss.

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Gottermeier at 3:30 PM

Minutes: Jane moved the Board accept the minutes from the October 29, 2015 meeting; Bill seconded it. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy submitted a report on the Charity Event (11/22/15). \$1100 was sent to Food Link. Kathy suggested that next year we put out a basket for donations for whatever charity is chosen. A suggestion was made that we should vote on the charity that will be the recipient either at our April meeting or at the Summer one. Bill will let the Board know of a couple of charities that would be worthy. Kathy also submitted the Treasurer's Report for the period 10/28/15-1/28/16. Kathy indicated that as of this date all the RABA expenses had been paid. She is still waiting for the 1099's. We are subsidizing the hand records. Duplimate boards – we are supplementing all the director's games. Doug is going to reduce the number of hand records on Wednesdays to 80 rather than 100. Jane made a motion to accept the report; Barbara McIver seconded it. Motion approved.

Copy Machine: Doug informed the Board that the lease for the copy machine runs out in June. Therefore, we need to find another place to print copies. Doug said Staples would cost \$60.00 a week for hand records (24 cents a copy). Barb said she got a laser printer from Amazon and it costs around \$70-\$80 a year for paper. Doug will research the cost for printing and then let the Board know.

Fall Charity Game: Lois said that McArdle's Restaurant can get a better price for the food for the event.

Kathy made a motion that we hold the Charity Game on November 20, 2016 before Thanksgiving. Motion approved.

Sectional Cost: Jan made a motion that starting with the next sectional the cost be raised to \$10.00 per session. Jane seconded it. Motion approved. (Note: this amount was approved by the Unit Board at their last meeting.)

Status of all 2016 Events: All our sectionals for 2016 have been booked. The Pro Am's are in question since Cheryl is gone. Gary suggested the possibility of having it on a Wednesday rather than Tuesday. A suggestion was made that the Pro Am might be a good jump off point for the Mentoring Program.

The Board decided not to do a sectional in January even though the Unit approved RABA's eligibility to have four a year. Kathy suggested that maybe RABA could hold a Men's Team and Women's Team Event.

Amendment to Constitution & By-Laws: Barb is going to send the proposed amendment to the whole Board. Voting on it is tabled until the next meeting in April.

Mentoring Program : Susan will be contacting members of the Board for any suggestions.

Swiss Teams: Barb indicated that many 299ers are confused about Swiss Teams and suggested that somebody explain to the 299ers before the event exactly what Swiss Teams are. Lois volunteered to do this. Also, a suggestion was made that Ricky could explain what Swiss Teams are at the Tuesday lesson before the Sectional.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2016.

Jane made a motion the meeting be adjourned; Kathy seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary