

RABA Zoom Board Amended Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Present: Board Members Ken Knight, Jack Kress, Jane Romal, David LaTart, Barb McIver, Priscilla Brown, Doug Bradley, Scootie Seeman, Roger Woodin, and President, Jim Patton. **Absent:** Jan Egger, Masha Raines and Jerry Manioci.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Patton at 4:05 p.m. Minutes from the January 8th meeting were approved as written.

Updates from the President included:

- **Impact of Covid-19** has turned our world upside down
- **Bridge Base Online** was explained
BBO is best and only game in town at present
Local games will be held on that site and run by Bruce
- **Decisions from the Executive Committee Meeting** are as follows:
 1. Future Sectionals will offer two-session option for 499ers
 2. Roger Woodin will hold free lesson on playing Swiss Team for 499ers
 3. Three Day Sectional endorsed for Fall 2021 – decision to be made by end of 2020
 4. Memorial Game to honor deceased members to be November
 5. Regarding have Duncan try “8 is Enough” format – Duncan not in favor
 6. Marsha’s Monday Funday Bridge Program was approved
- **Initiatives on Hold** with suspension of F2F bridge: Monday Funday, “8 is Enough”, Swiss Team Lesson, Bridge Etiquette distribution, Badge orders, Medley Center as Bridge Center possibility, Youth Bridge except for possibility of Summer or Fall Bridge Camp, Sally Hill’s Mentoring Program including Shadowing, Teaching and BBO lesson.
- **Initiatives in Question** are May Pro-Am which will probably be held later in year and July Sectional which we must decide whether to cancel by June.
- **Rescheduled Sectional** might be held November 21 & 22 at Webster CC. Unit has to approve.

- **Upcoming Board Meetings** on 8/18 and 11/3
- **2022 Sectionals** – Unit 112 has problems – may not approve.

Financial Update:

- Treasurer's Report - Barb McIver stated that we have **\$12,871.28 in our treasury. Our working Cash Balance is \$11,009.09** which is a correction from last time it was reported. She also gave a report on the **RABA Benefit/Charity Game which was well attended and brought in a net revenue of \$838.00.** Jim Patton noted the impact losing the Spring Sectional will have on our treasury needs to be considered.

New Member Committee Final Report:

No presentation

Nominating Committee:

Members David LaTart, Jerry Manioci and Marsha Raines will have a slate ready by the end of July.

Other Discussion:

- Priscilla Brown noted an article on page 33 in the Bridge Bulletin about helpful YouTube videos and Jim Patton agreed to send an email to RABA members about them.
- Ken Knight suggested that **“Reserve for large purchase”** should be used in Treasurer's Report instead of **“Reserve for Duplimating Machine.”** All agreed.
- A discussion re a change in our By-Laws was held. Jane Romal moved and Barb McIver seconded **that we eliminate the first paragraph in Article I and change the second paragraph to read: The fiscal year of RABA shall begin on August 1 of each year and end on July 31 of the next year. The fiscal and the business year are one and the same. An addition to Article II regarding Voting by Members is a first paragraph reading: An election shall occur annually to fill Director and Unit Rep/ vacancies. This is to be completed by October 1 of each year.** Jane moved that we adopt the addition and Barb seconded it. Jim Patton will contact other Board Members as we need 10 affirmative votes for changes. (A footnote is that all members approved the change)
- Ken Knight volunteered to review all the by-Laws and Dave, Jane and Doug offered to help him.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:53.