

Minutes – RABA Board Meeting – November 17, 2020 via Zoom

Present: Ken Knight, Jerry Manioci, Barbara McIver, Jim Patton, Jane Romal, Bettyann Schmitz, and Jim Sutter.

Absent: David LaTart and Roger Woodin.

President Jim Patton called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Election of Officers: The proposed slate (President – Jim Patton; VP – Ken Knight; Secretary – Jane Romal; Treasurer – Barb McIver; Member-at-Large – David LaTart) was approved unanimously after a motion by Jim Sutter, seconded by Bettyann.

Correction to the August Meeting Minutes was the removal of a comma and “Bradley” after Doug in the discussion of the By-Law Changes. It was moved by Jane and seconded by Jerry that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was passed unanimously.

News from Jim pertaining to District 4, Unit 112 and RABA was reported (See attached.) with the added note than none of these are having financial difficulties. He emphasized that RABA needs to find new players.

RABA Finances: See the attached Treasurer’s report and RABA budget. Both were approved unanimously.

2021 Tournament Update: Tournaments were cancelled through next June, which is similar to the ACBL. We must wait until the pandemic abates to held F2F events.

2022 Tournament Update: Please note that after an appeal to the ACBL by Jim Patton the Summer Sectional, which RABA had lost because the ACBL want sectionals restricted to 3 per area, was reinstated.

Committee Assignments were updated per the attached “RABA Committee Chairs.”

Discussion of cheating: Contact the director, if you suspect cheating. (One member commented that directors did not help.) Also, a request that we have a virtual Swiss Team event.

The next meeting will be in February on Zoom.

Respectively submitted,
Jane B. Romal, Secretary

President's Report

District 4 Board Meeting (11/6/2020)

- Tournaments
 - The ACBL has canceled all tournaments through end of February; they are likely to cancel through mid-year soon
 - Jim Patton and Betty Youmans were named chairs of the Rochester-Syracuse Regionals. The August 2021 Rochester Regional will almost certainly be canceled
 - The 2021 Valley Forge Regional will be canceled
- Membership
 - About 50% of ACBL members are playing online.
 - The average age of a D4 Member is 74 years old
 - Concern over recruiting new members
 - The District Membership down 2% since last year, and down 7% since two years ago.
 - The District allocated \$5000 to support programs and practices to attract new players
- Finances
 - The District “profit” not substantially changed by pandemic cancelations.
 - Total cash reserves could last for decades at current rate of expenditure.
 - Biggest concern is any liability for canceled tournament contracts
- Education
 - 75% of bridge teachers will not teach online
 - Mary Miller has had a lot of teaching success with Shark Bridge (online)
 - Mary trying to get permission to convert Audrey Grant’s Better Bridge teacher’s manuals into PowerPoint cells.
- Election of Officers
 - Jeanne Gehret elected president of D4 replacing Meyer Kotkin
 - Joann Glasson remains District Rep
 - Over the next few years, D3 and D4 will eventually have a single rep to a smaller National ACBL Board
- BBO Cheating
 - Increased efforts to catch cheaters
 - A prominent player (featured on Bridge Bulletin Cover) suspended 3 years
 - Two Unit 112 players suspended

Unit 112 Board Meeting (11/14/2020)

- Club Support
 - A move to set aside \$5000 to help distressed clubs was set aside.
 - It was not needed
- Education
 - Mary Miller continues to champion effort
- Communications
 - Website significantly improved by Doug
 - Website traffic up
 - Unit 112 signed up for Constant Contact account with regular newsletters

President's Report

- Finances
 - The Unit actually will be profitable this year.
 - They have \$30K in the bank
 - There are no financial issues.
- Tournaments
 - Cicero June Sectional Canceled
 - We will probably need to be playing F2F bridge for a few months before we see any tournament
- Election of Officers
 - Betty Youmans - President replacing Pat Stadelmaier
 - Jim Patton – Vice President
 - Mark McDermott – Treasurer
 - Sandy Stockton – Secretary

Rochester Area Bridge

- BBO
 - Perhaps 60% of RABA players are playing BBO
- State of Virtual Club Bridge
 - Virtual Game attendance/week is approximately the same number of pairs as F2F attendance had been
 - There are two scheduled games/day: Open and <300 MPs.
 - <300 MP canceled 70% of the time
 - When confronted with a choice, 70% of <300 MP players are in the Open game
 - Most players in the Open Game have under 600 MP's, making it very competitive for the <300 MP crowd.
 - High MP players seem to opt for Speedball or Slowball (the \$1.75 "Pairs" game). Many have opted out of online bridge
- Duncan
 - Surgery Nov 19
 - Flowers?
- Chatterbox holding F2F games
- Bridge Education
 - Mary Miller on Shark Bridge focusing on Canandaigua players
 - Mary Lou Lawson, Mark McDermott, Cindy Reid, Rick Briggs not teaching
 - Roger Woodin and Sally Hill teaching a few intermediate level students
 - No RABA directors are teaching
 - Other than Mary, I am not aware of any beginner level classes

ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
Treasurer Report for period 8/1/20 - 10/31/20

INCOME: None

TOTAL \$0.00

EXPENSES: None
Fat Cow fees

 \$257.49
TOTAL \$257.49

Bank balance as of 10/31/20	\$10,084.00	
Cash Balance as of 10/31/20	\$10,084.00	
Less reserve for major expenses	(\$1,750.00)	
Less reserve for Intro to Bridge fund	(\$838.00)	
Working cash balance	\$7,496.00	

WC Balance 7/31/2020	\$8,003.49	
set aside for major expenses	(\$250.00)	
plus income	\$0.00	
less expenses	(\$257.49)	
WC Balance 10/31/2020	\$7,496.00	

RABA Budget
Aug 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021

Statement of Activity	2020-2021 Budget	2019-2020 Actual	2018-2019 Actual	2017-2018 Actual
Revenue				
Sectional Net Revenue				
Spring Sectional Net	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,927	\$ 896
Summer Sectional Net	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,184	\$ 1,538
Fall Sectional Net	\$ 100	\$ 1,096	\$ 1,429	\$ 1,238
Unit 112 Regional Reimbursements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -
Unit 112 Sectional Reimbursements	\$ -	\$ 630	\$ 71	\$ 508
Sectional Net Subtotal	\$ 100	\$ 1,726	\$ 4,910	\$ 4,180
Other RABA Game Revenue				
Benefit Game Net before gift	\$ -	\$ 838	\$ 990	\$ 863
Appreciation Game Net w/o Lunch	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (398)	\$ (1,153)
Pro Am Net	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75
Other Games Net Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 838	\$ 592	\$ (215)
Other Income				
Director fee for Duplimateed Boards	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,367	\$ 2,401	\$ 2,687
Member Cash Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Directory & Name Badge Sales	\$ 100	\$ 236	\$ 186	\$ 33
Misc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 379	\$ 8
Other Income Subtotal	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,603	\$ 2,966	\$ 2,728
Total	\$ 1,200	\$ 4,167	\$ 8,468	\$ 6,693

Expense				
Copier + Duplimateing Net Expenses				
Labor for Duplimateing	\$ 750	\$ 1,004	\$ 1,784	\$ 1,925
Copier Lease/Purchase	\$ 400	\$ 1,310	\$ 1,310	\$ 1,310
Copier Consumables	\$ 100	\$ 184	\$ 246	\$ 244
Copier + Duplimateing Net	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,498	\$ 3,340	\$ 3,479
Communications				
WebMaster	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
Website/Constant Contact	\$ 756	\$ 1,030	\$ 631	\$ 695
Communications Subtotal	\$ 1,156	\$ 1,430	\$ 1,031	\$ 1,095
Other Expenses				
Game Supplies (Playing Cards, Boards,Boxes)	\$ -	\$ 1,407	\$ 809	\$ 649
Other Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 948	\$ -
Bridgemates & Duplimator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 297
Charity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 990	\$ 863
Bridge Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subsidy for Monday Night Game	\$ -	\$ 370	\$ 16	\$ -
Misc	\$ 255	\$ 201	\$ 231	\$ 109
Other Expenses Subtotal	\$ 255	\$ 1,978	\$ 2,993	\$ 1,918
Total Expense	\$ 2,661	\$ 5,906	\$ 7,364	\$ 6,491
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (1,461)	\$ (1,739)	\$ 1,104	\$ 201

Cash Positions	7/31/21	7/31/20	7/31/19	7/31/18
Previous Reconciled Bank Balance	\$ 7,746	\$ 11,823	\$ 10,719	\$ -
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ (1,461)	\$ (1,739)	\$ 1,104	\$ -
New Reconciled Bank Balance	\$ 6,284	\$ 10,084	\$ 11,823	\$ 10,719
Previous Reserve	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ -
Net Reserve Increase/(Decrease)	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
New Reserve for Major Expense	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
Reserve for Intro to Bridge	\$ 838	\$ 838	\$ -	\$ -
Working Cash Balance	\$ 3,946	\$ 7,746	\$ 10,823	\$ 10,719

RABA Calendar 2021 - 2022

As if 11/18/20

Event	Dates	Description	Director	Venue	Chairs	Comments
2021						
RABA Charity Swiss	Sunday Feb 21	2/6 RABA sessions	Duncan & Cheryl	Webster Columbus Center		Cancelled
Spring Sectional	March 27-28	Sectional	TBD	Webster Columbus Center		Cancelled
Rochester I/N Sectional	April 9-10	Sectional I/N	Mary Lou Lawson	Century Club	Mary Lou Lawson	Likely Cancelled
Phil Clark Pro-Am	TBD	1/6 RABA Sessions	Duncan & Cheryl	Wednesday Sinai Game		TBD
Summer Sectional	None					Not Scheduled
Evening Pro AM (Bruce Toder Event)	TBD - August	Not RABA Event	Bruce Toder	Monday Night Sinai	Bruce Toder	TBD
Fall Sectional NAP B District Final ??	Oct 2-3	Sectional NAP	TBD	Webster Columbus Center	LaTart, Mclver, Sutter	Hopefully
NAP C District Final	?	NAP	Bruce or Sectional Director	Potter Place		TBD
RABA Memorial Game	November?	1/6 RABA Sessions	Duncan & Cheryl	Tuesday Sinai Game		TBD
2022						
RABA Charity Swiss	Sunday Feb 20	2/6 RABA sessions		Webster Columbus Center?		
Spring Sectional	Mar 26-27	Sectional	TBD	Webster Columbus Center?		
Rochester I/N Sectional	Not Listed	Sectional I/N	Mary Lou Lawson	Century Club	Mary Lou Lawson	
Phil Clark Pro-Am	TBD	1/6 RABA Sessions	Duncan & Cheryl	Wednesday Sinai Game		
Summer Sectional	July 9-10	Sectional	TBD	Webster Columbus Center?		
Evening Pro AM (Bruce Toder Event)	TBD - August	Not RABA Event	Bruce Toder	Monday Night Sinai	Bruce Toder	
Fall Sectional NAP B District Final ??	Oct 1-2	Sectional NAP	TBD	Webster Columbus Center?		
NAP C District Final	?	NAP	Bruce or Sectional Director	Potter Place		
RABA Memorial Game	November?	1/6 RABA Sessions		Tuesday Sinai Game		

RABA Committee Chairs

Committee	2021 Chairs - Final
Nominating	LaTart, Sutter, and Romal
Publication & Communications	Patton & Bradley
Tournament	Patton
Awards	Romal
Audit	Knight
Mentoring	Sally Hill
Youth	Wooden
Sunshine	Clarkson
Charity Event	Canceled
Spring Sectional	Canceled
Summer Sectional	Not scheduled
Fall Sectional	LaTart, Sutter & McIver
Member Recruitment	Sutter, Knight, Manioci

Directors and Reps Contract Info

Term Ends	Name	Phone	Address	Office
RABA Directors				
2023	Ken Knight	(585) 261-5372	krknight924@yahoo.com	Vice President
2022	David LaTart	(585) 704-5707	dlatart@aol.com	Member at Large
2022	Jerry Manioci	(585) 329-3030	jerrymanioci@gmail.com	Director
2021	Barbara McIver	(585) 469-7575	barbara.mciver@gmail.com	Treasurer
2021	Jim Patton	(585) 739-3727	jas.e.patton@gmail.com	President
2021	Jane Romal	(585) 218-9161	jromal@brockport.edu	Secretary
2023	Betty Schmitz	(585) 671-5826	aschmitz1@rochester.rr.com	Director
2023	Jim Sutter	(585) 746-0790	sutter336@aol.com	Director
2022	Roger Woodin	(585) 496-9903	rwoodin2@nycap.rr.com	Director
Our Unit Representatives				
DNA	Doug Bradley	(585) 755-2944	tallyh0@rochester.rr.com	Web Master
2021	Kathy Landon	(585) 586-1154	klandon@frontiernet.net	Unit Rep
2020	Jerry Manioci	(585) 329-3030	jerrymanioci@gmail.com	Unit Rep
DNA	Mark McDermott	(315) 559-9748	irishmoboss@aol.com	Treasurer
2021	Jim Patton	(585) 739-3727	jas.e.patton@gmail.com	VP
DNA	Lois Sanders	(585) 703-9080	lois@rochester.rr.com	Past President
2020	Sandy Stockton	(585) 865-8428	sandjack@frontiernet.net	Sec
DNA	Bruce Toder	(585) 223-1674	bridgeresults1@gmail.com	Tour Coord
Unit 112 Reps to District 4				
	Lynn Ackerman		lynnackerman@gmail.com	District Rep
	Dan Boye	(315) 884-6057	Skipbid2003@yahoo.com	Past President
	James Carroll	(315) 406-1771	revjcarroll@gmail.com	District Rep
	Jerry Manioci	(585) 329-3030	jerrymanioci@gmail.com	District Rep
	Mary Miller	(585) 746-9478	Mary.miller@gmail.com	At Large
	Pat Stadelmaeir	(607) 425-2442	pstad145@aol.com	District Rep
	Betty Youmans	(315) 292-4070	readsauten@yahoo.com	District Rep