

## **RABA Board Meeting Minutes May 8, 2024**

Present [via zoom] Doug Bradley, Michael Kirschen, Dave LaTart, Liz Meacham, Jill Miller, Jim Patton, Denise Slattery, and Lori VanDerlinde

Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM.

Nandini Joshi joined @ 5:43 PM.

The Minutes of the February 28, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

President's report:

- Sectionals at Gates Recreation Center July 6-7 and October 19-20
- 2024 Regional finalized for August 5-10 at the JCC

Financial Reports (Jill Miller)

[1] Reported on the April 2024 Spring Sectional:

- There is an expected profit of \$1,214.00
- The number of tables were down from last Spring's sectional

[2] The quarterly [third quarter] report is misleading. It shows all the Spring Sectional expenses but none of the revenue. Revenue via the ACBL (ca \$2000) arrived after the end of the quarter.

[3] The net profit for the year will be approximately \$500-\$100 vs the budget of \$2475. The two major causes of the miss are the lower-than-expected Spring Sectional Profit and the Storage unit expense.

[4] Jill Miller advised that Andy Dutcher is preparing the audit.

### **Spring Sectional Report**

#### **HOSPITALITY**

Jill Miller reported her learnings as Hospitality Chair. At least three people are needed to run the food and luncheon\*, collect the money, and make coffee. Perhaps one person should be responsible for each of the four sessions.

Nandini is the Hospitality co-chair for July sectional. She can be there on July 6, but not July 7. Denise Slattery will need/find volunteers for each session.

#### **NLM SWISS GAME**

The Swiss team game for NLM was canceled at the April sectional for the second time in a row. A rousing discussion was had, analyzing why NLMs have not signed up for the Swiss Team games. The discussion was packed with opinions but few facts. Unfamiliarity with the mechanics, intimidation, and perhaps trepidation were all mentioned. It was suggested that Roger Woodin could do a tutorial before a Tuesday game on playing Swiss Teams.

Jim asked David, Michael, and Nandini to conduct an informal survey of the NLM to determine whether the non-participation issues can be defined and addressed.

Michael Kirschen made a motion, seconded by Nandini Joshi, to replace the NLM Swiss game on Sunday with pairs games. The motion was unanimously adopted.

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**SECTIONAL FOOD OFFERINGS**

Dave LaTart moved, and Denise Slattery seconded to eliminate serving lunch on the Sunday of the July sectional. The no-Sunday lunch motion carried 6-1.

**FALL SECTIONAL**

A Local Sectional (local director, few MP) would save \$400 to \$800 in expenses. We need to decide after the Summer Sectional whether to make the Fall Sectional a local.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Jim Patton will join Dave LaTart and Michael Kirschen on the committee. Jim advised that three current members' terms are expiring.

**BRIDGE EDUCATION**

Bridge classes at local Rec Centers have historically been a major source of new duplicate players. Since COVID, most of those classes have stopped. Jim commissioned Roger Woodin and Mark McDermott to canvas local rec centers to see if they were conducting any classes and if they would be interested in doing so if a teacher could be identified.

The meeting ended at 6:31 PM.

Michael Kirschen  
Secretary to the Board