

RABA Board Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024

Present [via Zoom] Jim Patton, Jill Miller, Doug Bradley, Michael Kirschen, Ken Kallio, Gerry Steenberge, Denise Slattery, Margie Spence, Barbara Shapiro, Liz Meacham

The meeting was called to order at 5:26 PM.

New members Ken Kallio, Barb Shapiro, Margie Spence, and Gerry Steenberge were introduced and welcomed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President:

Jim Patton nominated Denise Slattery, who accepted the nomination. Elected unanimously.

Denise Slattery presided after that.

Treasurer:

Denise Slattery nominated Jill Miller, who accepted the nomination and was elected by acclamation. Gerry Steenberge offered to assist as needed. Denise asked Gerry to do the audit.

Secretary:

Denise Slattery nominated Michael Kirschen, who accepted with reluctance. Elected by acclamation.

Vice President:

Denise Slattery nominated Ken Kallio, who accepted. Elected by acclamation.

Member-at-large:

Margie Spence self-nominated. Elected by acclamation.

It was noted that the new president, Denise Slattery, will be added to the bank account.

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Tournaments:

- Ken Kallio will chair the April 5-6 tournament
- Margie Spence will chair the July tournament. (After the meeting, it was confirmed that the dates were July 19-20, not in conflict with the Buffalo Sectional)
- Jill Miller will chair the October 11-12 tournament.
- Denise Slattery will handle hospitality for all three tournaments.
- Barb Shapiro will create flyers for all Sectionals.
- Jim Patton offered to oversee the Tournament process. That issue remains unresolved.

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A range of items on 2025 Sectionals, including the price (unchanged in four years), whether to resume serving lunch, whether to keep an NLM pairs game on Sunday, and which (if any) Sectionals should be locals, were left to be resolved later.

Board Membership

- Jim Patton will act as an ex-officio board member for one year.

RABA Communications

- Jim Patton will continue sending RABA communications via Constant Contact.
- Ken Kallio volunteered to join the Constant Contact team, sending monthly reminders of advancing players.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Kirschen
Secretary to the RABA Board