

RABA Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT
January 28, 2025 [via zoom] @ 5:00 pm

Present: Denise Slattery, Jill Miller, Margie Spence, Ken Kallio, Gerry Steenberge, Barb Shapiro, Liz Meachem, Michael Kirschen, Jim Patton (Ex Officio).
Absent: David LaTart

A motion to approve the Minutes from the November 12, 2024 made, seconded and passed unanimously with modifications:

- The Fall sectional, if we keep it local, will award the same points as a regular sectional but 80% silver and 20% black rather than 100% silver
- It was clarified that all Sectionals in District 4 charge \$12.00 per session when lunch is not provided.

Jill Miller presented the half year financial report. Revenue was \$1040 (\$209 less than budget) and Expenses were \$1405 (\$155 more than budget) for a net loss of \$887 (\$311 greater loss than budgeted.)

Gerry Steenberge presented the audit of RABA Financials for 2023-2024. The bank transactions agreed with the published financials. Ken Kallio moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The Board thanked Gerry Steenberge for the detailed audit and Jill Miller for her work as treasurer.

Denise announced that Sandy Stockton resigned from the Unit Board both as a member representing RABA and as secretary. Ken Knight will take her place as Unit Secretary. Denise Slattery volunteered to take Sandy's vacated board position representing RABA. The board voted unanimously to approve Denise to that position. Sandy's years of excellent service were applauded.

Brian Meyer from Buffalo is available to be the Director of our Spring sectional on April 5-6, 2025 and our Summer sectional on July 19-20, 2025. After discussion, the board agreed that the July Sectional would be a regular (not local) Sectional with no lunch served. Sunday play will be a Swiss Open Game and a NLM Pairs game. Jill Miller is Sectional Chair. Denise is Hospitality Chair. Sally Hill will give the Saturday lesson. Jim Patton volunteered to be partnership chair. The Board unanimously voted in favor of so doing. Barbara Shapiro will make a flyer.

The Partnership desk, subject of a RABA communication to all members recently, was discussed and appreciated. There was hope that it would allow for greater Face to Face participation by RABA members. At this point, it needs no help from the RABA Board.

Denise announced that the RABA Board purchased a sponsorship of the 299'er game at the Philadelphia National on July 31st to honor Jim Patton for his service to RABA.

Liz Meacham moved that RABA give the 2024 RABA Goodwill Player of the Year to Sandy Stockton. The motion was seconded and passed. Awards Chair Gerry Steenberge said he was traveling and unable to take care of the plaque logistics. Jim Patton volunteered to take the plaque to Penfield Trophy for engraving.

Denise announced the Gerry Steenberge agreed to help oversee the storage facility. The storage facility is shared with Unit 112. Gerry will represent RABA interest, and Jim Patton will represent the Unit's interest.

Meeting concluded at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Kirschen
Secretary