

RABA Board Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2025

Present [via zoom] @ 5:02 pm

Denise Slattery, Jill Miller, Margie Spence, Ken Kallio, Gerry Steenberge, Barb Shapiro, Liz Meacham, Dave LaTart, Michael Kirschen

Jim Patton - Ex Officio

The Agenda was approved by acclamation.

The Minutes from the January 28, 2025 Board meeting were approved by acclamation.

Liz Meacham's resignation from the RABA Board was noted.

The Spring Sectional had 86.5 tables [2023 had 98]. Jill Miller provided the financials - showing a net profit of \$1,387. All in all, a success.

It was noted that Brian Meyer requires minimal expense, as he commutes from the Buffalo region and only charges mileage, and is an exceptional director.

A motion was made to approve the Sectional financials as presented by Jill Miller - and was unanimously approved.

As the Board considered the upcoming Summer Sectional - there was discussion about Sunday meals. It was suggested that we provide the opportunity to pre-order subs on Saturday, @ \$10, with final orders on Sunday, before play starts, with delivery scheduled for the break between sessions, with extra time built in for "delivery".

There was much discussion about "promoting" Swiss Teams for NLM. The morning session can be long, with a shortened break between morning and afternoon for lunch. It was concluded that a one hour lunch break between the morning and afternoon sessions was best. There are four rounds of 7 boards for the morning session. With lunch available [pre-ordered subs?] for the one hour break, the second round of Swiss Teams could start promptly thereafter, and reasonably conclude.

The Sectional Flyer would be modified to reflect this schedule.

It was suggested that we provide Pro-Am Swiss Team lessons - on Sunday morning - Margie Spence will work with Doug Bradley, perhaps involving Roger Wooden to set up a lesson schedule.

Jim Patton and Denise Slattery will work on the flyer for this purpose.

Caddy Issues - Will Sara be available for this tournament? Other options to be explored - Elaine Badain has a granddaughter, Roger has a neighbor with two lads who might be available. TBD.

Table transport: Graham may not be available for July. Ken Kallio will provide back up if Graham cannot.

Jill Miller is in charge of the July Sectional.

FLX Regional - scheduled for the Second week of June, 2026. June 8-13 at the JCC. Betty Youmans in charge.

Gerry Steenberge will help Doug on Day 1 or 2, as needed.

Barbara Shapiro exited the meeting @ 6:02 pm

There was a discussion regarding the plaque. We “need” to a get plaque that has room for 36 persons. Margie Spence will check with Penfield Trophy, to get a new plaque price, with transfer of the original annual individual names.

The will be a RABA Board election at the end of the year, replacing Liz Meachem since her resignation. Looking perhaps for a candidate from Livingston County. Denis will check out potential candidates from Livingston County. Jim Patton noted that we need more potential members who are NLM, under 750 master points - with perhaps two vacancies upcoming.

Margie Spence moved to adjourn. Gerry Steenberge seconded.
Unanimously approved.

Meeting concluded at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Kirschen
Secretary