

Rochester Area Bridge Association Board Meeting Minutes

Temple B'rith Kodesh Friday, October 11, 2019

Present: Board Members Priscilla Brown, Jack Kress, David LaTart, Jerry Manioci, Barb McIver, Marsha Raines, Jane Romal, Scoot Seeman, Roger Woodin. Outgoing President Gary Gottermeier. Guests Lois Sanders and Doug Bradley. Absent: Jan Egger and Ken Knight

The Meeting was called to order by outgoing President, Gottermeier, who welcomed newly elected Board members LaTart, Manioci and Raines. He congratulated re-elected Board members, Romal and Woodin along with Unit Board members, Kathy Landon and Patton.

The following new officers of the Board were then elected: President - Patton, Vice-President - Knight, Secretary - Seeman, Treasurer - McIver, and Member-at-Large - LaTart.

Patton assumed the chair and thanked Gottermeier for the great job he did as President for six years.

Minutes from the July 26th meeting were approved.

Unfinished Business

- Patton announced that we need to select the recipient of the February Charity Game proceeds at our next meeting. We could consider using the Charity game to expand bridge education for younger players. Board Members, please send Patton your thoughts on the recipient.
- Patton announced we should select the Goodwill Player of the Year at the next meeting. Jane Romal, as Awards Chair, should lead that process.
- At the last board meeting, we identified slow play as a source of friction. Roger Woodin agreed to incorporate pointers on faster play into some of his lessons. We can post Roger's advice on the RABA website.

Treasurer's Report:

- We have net proceeds for the fiscal year of \$1104.21 and a working cash balance of \$11,322.09.

Fall Sectional

- There were 102 tables this year, down slightly from 103.5 last year
- The Fall Sectional netted \$1096.
- We lost \$500 on food over the last two sectionals as a result of ordering more lunches than we sold. This is a change from the past, when we broke even

2020 Committee Chairs were announced:

Nominating – Raines/ Manioci/Latart*	Youth – Ken Knight
Pub & Communications – Patton/Reid	Sunshine – Arlene Clarkson
Tournament – Patton/LaTart	Charity Game - Seeman/Knight/Woodin
Awards – Jane Romal	Spring Sectional – Brown/Raines
Audit – Ken Knight	Summer Sectional – Egger/Romal/Kress
Mentoring – Priscilla Brown	Fall Sectional – McIver/LaTart

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Unit 112 Meeting

Patton reported that Unit 112 is under pressure from District 4 to reduce the number of Regionals in 2021. RABA has three sectionals scheduled in 2020 and hopes to have three in 2021. This should be decided at the November 16th Unit Meeting.

Support of the Monday Night Game

Bruce Toder feels he needs five tables to make it worth his time to hold his Monday night game. RABA currently provides a subsidy when there are 4 or 4 ½ tables to prevent cancellation. The board felt we should provide a subsidy to keep the game open down to 3 tables. Patton will work out an arrangement with Bruce.

Encouraging New Players

Raines moved we form a New Player Committee to propose and implement ways of attracting and maintaining bridge players new to Duplicate Bridge. Manioci seconded, and the motion passed. As a result, we formed a New Player Committee with Raines as chair.

Youth Bridge Report

- Knight was not present to make the report. However, he had told Patton the current effort in the schools was not going well. He suggested we pursue alternative plans like supporting programs at Rec Centers.
- Patton suggested we use money from the Charity Game for such an effort. In addition, we should see what money Unit 112, District 4, and the ACBL might have.
- Roger Woodin said the ACBL will supply Audrey Grant books free of charge for teaching Youth Bridge participants.

Items Left for the Next Meeting

- Helping people find a partner for games
- More helpers for setting up Sectionals
- Table storage

Next Meeting

- Patton proposed that we meet every two months instead of three.
- Manioci suggested we start at 9:30.
- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10th at which time we will decide the other issues.

Manioci made a motion to adjourn and McIver seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Scootie Seeman, Secretary