

## Minutes - RABA Board Meeting - August 18, 2020 via Zoom

**Present:** Doug Bradley, Priscilla Brown, Jan Egger, Ken Knight, Jack Kress, Jerry Manioci, Barb McIver, Jim Patton, Marsha Raines, Jane Romal, and Scootie Seeman.

**Absent:** Roger Woodin and David LaTart

President Jim Patton called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Corrections to the April Meeting Minutes** were as follows: Scootie Seeman and Roger Woodin were in attendance. The amount in our treasury was amended from \$2,871.28 to \$12,871.28. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Ken Knight, seconded by Doug Bradley and then unanimously approved.

### **What's Happening:**

The BridgeMates and the Duplimator are now stored at Doug Bradley's house; the batteries have been removed from the BridgeMates to avoid corrosion. The copier, whose lease will expire next June, remains at Temple B'rith Kodesh.

We now have Virtual Games seven days a week at 1:30 p.m. with Under 1000 and Under 200 sections. There are currently no Open Games due to lack of interest.

Doug announced that if there is an Open Game and a Limited Game starting about the same time, the table count for calculating MP's in the Open Game will be based on the total table count in the two games. In addition, if a robot plays (to avoid a sit-out) and places near the top of the field, the robot will no longer be eligible for MP's. This removes an obstacle for using robots.

Duncan has not yet been approved to be a director for virtual Games.

Unit 112 held a Zoom Meeting:

- Finances positive – up \$3,000 this year
- Focus was on education spearheaded by Mary Miller
- Mary is retiring as a Regional Tournament Director. She will be difficult to replace

A RABA Executive Committee Meeting was held in July. By-Law changes and Board Member Election Protocol were discussed. The Committee approved using a digital service so we can vote electronically.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Quarterly Report was approved after corrections. Ken made a motion to approve the By-Law Updates, seconded by Priscilla and the vote was unanimous approval. See attached sheets for specific changes which are highlighted.

### **By-Laws Changes**

Ken Knight and his team of David, Doug, Bradley, and Jane proposed seven changes to RABA's By-Laws. The changes were all to provide clarity and simplicity to our procedure. Ken moved and Barb seconded that the Board approve the By-Law changes as proposed. The motion passed unanimously. The new version will be called RABA By-Laws August 2020.

## **RABA Board Size**

Jim opened discussion on the right number of members for the RABA Board. After discussion, Jim moved that RABA Board classes are three people/year in the future. All currently elected board members remain until the end of their term or their resignation. If members resign mid-term, RABA will elect additional board members so that total is not less than nine people. Jane seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

## **RABA Election**

We need to elect new Board members in September. The terms of Priscilla, Jan, Scootie, and Ken are ending. We have some excellent candidates including Ken who will run again. The Executive Committee approved electronic voting. The membership will be informed of the slate in early September. The membership will vote electronically voting approximately September 15-21 with results announced shortly after.

## **Jim's thoughts on the next 18 months:**

- It might be a long time before F2F bridge resumes. And then, it probably will not be as big as it was.
- Virtual online games are here to stay even after F2F bridge returns.
- Without tournaments, the RABA net loss is around \$2000/year. With a current cash balance of \$8400, we are solvent for the next few years.
- Hang in there for whatever happens

## **Goodwill Member Plaque**

Jane Romal volunteered to get the Goodwill Member of the Year plaque engraved.

The next meeting will be on November 17 via Zoom.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scootie Seeman, Secretary