

RABA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM

Attendance:

- Present: Jim Patton, Andy Dutcher, Lori VanDerlinde, Ken Knight, Jim Sutter, Bettyann Schmitz, Doug Bradley
- Absent: Jerry Manioci, Roger Woodin

Minutes of previous meeting:

Jim S wants to make sure Jim Patton and Jim Sutter are correctly identified. Ken moves and Lori seconds that minutes be approved, as corrected.

President's Report:

- We have lost three of our six directors. Duncan and Cheryl almost certainly will not direct in the future. Mary Lou Lawson died.
- Temple B'rith Kodesh is the primary location for play (possibility of 2 rooms, if needed)
- The future of Temple Sinai is up in the air. There are 40 RABA tables in storage there.
- Gary Gottermeier has 40 RABA tables in his garage which can be used for the Sectionals
- We will be fortunate to break even at the March sectionals with lower anticipated attendance
- Over the next few years, the Sectionals will not provide much (if any) profit. We won't be making any further additions to our reserve fund

Treasurer's Report:

- We have a working balance of \$5329 over the next two months
- We have a new credit card. The older card has been cancelled - see Jim S if you need to use the credit card
- Duplimator - Ken moves that RABA does not charge directors for using the duplimator for coming year; Jim S seconded and the motion was approved unanimously

Sectionals:

- Roger, Jim P, Jim S, and Doug looked at the facilities at the Recreation Center in the Town of Gates. The size is 4000 square feet (bigger than the Webster Columbus Center, they had a kitchen, there is plenty of parking, and easy access. The charge is \$250 for the weekend. We are trying to reserve the space for our three sectionals in 2022. Lily Alberto, assistant to Gates Town Supervisor, has been contacted. We are waiting to hear. We need a commitment from the Town of Gates by the end of January. It was moved/seconded/passed that Jim Patton has the authority to negotiate and sign a contract with the town of Gates.
- ACBL rules require a player be vaccinated and wear a face mask in the playing area. Further, no food or beverage is allowed in the playing area.
- We agreed no food would be served.
- We will provide an extra 30 minutes between sessions so folks can leave the premises for lunch
- Proof of vaccination can be a copy of the vaccination card.

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- We will provide water provided in an igloo. Participants may bring coffee in a travel mug.
- If we charge \$12/session/person, we would break even with 42 tables
- Brian Meyer from Buffalo is hoped-for director; Bruce Toder is partnership chair; Barb McIver will mentor the Chairs.

Goodwill Person of year:

- Recipient cannot be a board member
- Jim S moved and Andy seconded that the winner(s) for 2020 are Cheryl Holcomb and Duncan Jones; the winner for 2021 is Jane Romal

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 1 at 4:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

B Andrew Dutcher
Secretary to the Board