

RABA BOARD MINUTES
MAY 24, 2022

PRESENT: Andy Dutcher, Dave LaTart, Jerry Manioci, Jim Patton, Nandini Joshi, Ken Knight, Bettyann Schmitz, Lori VanDerlinde, Roger Woodin
ABSENT: Doug Bradley

Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM

I. Minutes of previous meeting: Ken moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting; Nandini corrected the location of the July 2022 sectional to the Moose Lodge in Henrietta; Dave seconded Ken's motion, as amended by Nandini. Unanimously approved.

II. President's Report:

- We are considering holding the August 2023 Regional at del Lago Casino and Resort in Waterloo at a cost of \$5000 for 7 nights.
- I was considering cancelling July 2023 sectional since it is so close to the Regional. However, I now see the 2023 Regional as somewhat up in the air so I need to book the Gates Recreation Center for the Summer Sectional.
- Future RABA board meetings will be on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 4:30 PM per the recent board survey
- We will be electing 3 board members for the RABA Board and 2 board members for the Unit Board in September (either new to the board or standing for re-election). The nominating committee is Ken Knight, David LaTart, and Roger Woodin.

III. Treasurer's report:

- Ken indicated that the bank account had been moved from Key Bank to M&T and that we have applied for a credit card from M&T. (Post meeting update – we have received the credit cards.)
- The Bank Balance at the end of the third quarter (4/30/2022) was \$7449.
- Andy Dutcher concluded an audit of the finance triggered by the change in Treasurer. Everything was fine.

IV. July sectional:

- Ken and Dave visited the Henrietta Moose Lodge. We will need to tear-down the bingo set-up and then, after the sectional is over, set it up again. Gary will bring tables he is storing on Saturday morning.
- Food: subs, chips and cookie (\$8/person to pre-order Saturday, \$9 to order Sunday). We should call in food orders on Sat. & Sunday AM (the sub preparer is not too far from the Moose Lodge). We will supply donuts, bagels and soda (as well as apples, oranges, and bananas). Bettyann Schmitz will provide a food supply list.
- Denise Slattery is the partnership chair; we need volunteers to help with set-up; Nandini will be safety officer to make sure people show proof of vaccination; we will need to move supplies from Temple B'rith Kodesh—Dave agreed to take supplies on Friday, but he needs help.
- Abbie Rich will be our caddy; do we need more than one?

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- Jim will send out a non-binding “ask” to get an idea of how many people plan on attending; he will also emphasize that proof of vaccination is required
- Dave needs to contact the Director-in-Charge (Robert Neuhart, Robert.Neuhart@acbl.org) to know what he will bring. Doug Bradley also needs to contact the DiC regarding hand preparations for Saturday.

V. Face-to-Face bridge:

- Temple B'rith Kodesh (TBK) is less expensive and closer to our duplimator and card storage than Temple Sinai. It has been the location preferred by the directors since the pandemic. At this point, it is unlikely we will return to duplicate bridge at Temple Sinai. However, we still have a lot of “stuff” at Sinai, including 40 tables
- Moved by Andy and seconded by Jerry that we move 20-25 tables from Sinai to TBK once we get a long-term commitment from TBK and then offer the unused tables to Liz Meacham. What she doesn't want will be left at Temple Sinai for their use, but we will keep ownership of the tables, so we can take them back as needed. Jim was given discretion to deal with this. Passed unanimously.
- The Directors are making money on virtual bridge, but the F2F games barely break even. We need to grow the number of F2F players at Wednesday's TBK NLM game. Doug Bradley has started a program where he provides a one-game reduced rate to any player that brings a new player to the game. Jim suggested that we supplement what Doug loses on Wednesday game “finder's fee” in June and July up to \$150. So moved by Andy and seconded by Jerry. Passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held after the July sectional.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Andrew Dutcher
Secretary