

## RABA Board Meeting Minutes 24 January 2023

Attendance: Doug Bradley, Andy Dutcher, Nandini Joshi, Ken Knight, Dave LaTart, Jim Patton, Lori VanDerlinde, MIA: Liz Meacham, Denise Slattery

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

**Minutes:** Ken moved and Nandini seconded that we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented; approved.

**President's Report and Treasurer's Report:** These reports were sent to all board members prior to meeting. They can be found in the Board Meeting Package. Doug Bradley and Bruce Toder will raise the charge for Face2Face bridge to \$8 per person, effective 2/1/23.

**Sectionals:** Andy moved and Ken seconded that we changed the beginning time for 2023 sectionals from 10:30 AM to 10:00 AM; approved

There are now two categories of Sectionals – Championship and Local. We have operated to date as a "championship" sectional as defined by ACBL with ACBL directors. Andy moved and Dave seconded that we declare our sectionals as championship sectionals; motion approved. When advertising our sectionals, we should indicate that 100% of points are silver points and that we accept credit cards. (This distinction is clearer than simply calling the sectional "championship")

Bettyann's death leaves a void in sectional responsibilities, especially in area of coffee service and morning food. After discussion, the board concluded this should be the responsibility of the sectional chair. Doug noted we need to organize the inventory of sectional supplies stored at TBK and offered to help with the exercise. Ken volunteered. Dave proposed that Doug, Ken, and the available three 2023 sectional chairs conduct the task. Dave proposed doing this prior to March 20 (when he leaves for a month.) Doug suggests that Thursday is a good day of the week. Doug will set the date and organize the activity.

**Potential By-Law Changes:** Present by-laws state that a board vacancy should be filled by someone who ran in the last election but was not elected. There is no such person for Bettyann's board seat because there was not a surplus on candidates in the last election. The Board agreed we should create a by-law change to handle this situation now and into the future.

Jim noted that many organizations have a treasurer that is not a board member because of the specialized skill set to do the job. The Board agreed we should create a by-law change for this as well.

**Goodwill Person of the Year.** A discussion of the Board suggested Bettyann (posthumously) and Roger Woodin would be excellent candidates. Nandini will bring any additional candidates to the next board meeting at which time we will decide on the 2022 winner.

**Special Recognition:** Ken raised the issue if we should have a formal process for recognizing special contributions to RABA bridge. Who would the award be and how would it be funded. Ken agreed to create an ad hoc group to develop a proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM