

RABA BOARD MINUTES
MAY 16, 2023

PRESENT: Jim Patton, Lori VanDerlinde, Nandini Joshi, Doug Bradley, Liz Meacham, Denise Slattery, and Andy Dutcher

Meeting called to order at 5:45 PM

Denise moved and Nandini seconded the acceptance of the minutes of the March 2023 meeting. Passed unanimously.

The President's Report was previously sent to all board members. Relative to the spring sectional lunch on Sunday, Lori said the lunch (pizza and salad) was much better timed than previously, but by the time the NLM section was done playing the morning session, there wasn't much food left. She also suggested any announcements be given at the beginning of next session and not while the NLM were still playing.

The Treasurer's report stated this was the most profitable Sectional in years (perhaps all time). Overall, RABA is in very good shape financially.

Lori suggested we eliminate table bags, used for trash, and use three trash cans around the room instead. For the July 8/9 Summer sectional, of which Denise is chair, Jim suggested we should repeat Roger Woodin's pre-ordering (and pre-paying) of pizza for the luncheon. For the Saturday session we should have a 2:15 PM starting time and limit the games to 24 boards (and not 27).

In a discussion about the upcoming board election and the need to identify candidates, the President expressed a preference for half the board to be Life Masters and half to be non-life masters. Susan Rice was identified as someone who would be a good candidate.

Jim suggested we could lend the regional tables and not charge a rental fee if regional personnel take care of transporting the tables.

Jim suggested we distribute RABA's 48 Bridge Mates more equitably among the three directors. Currently Doug Bradley has 24 and Bruce has the other 24, but we should give some to Liz Meacham. A proposed scenario is to place 10 Bridge Mates with Liz in Geneseo, leave Bruce with 10, and assign 28 to Doug at TBK. Once we do that, we need an additional server for the third site. Andy moved and Denise seconded that we purchase a new server and new case for Liz for approximately \$350.

Jim raised the issue that we need four more metal boxes for transporting sets of bridge boards to tournaments. That would cost approximately \$240. The purchase was moved, seconded, approved unanimously. Lori suggested that we purchase more doilies to stop the bidding boxes from skidding. Doug said they are available on rolls at Wegmans.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Andrew Dutcher