

RABA BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2023

PRESENT: Jim Patton, Lori Vanderlinde, Nandini Joshi, Doug Bradley, Ken Knight, Denise Slattery, Dave Latart and Andy Dutcher. ABSENT: Liz Meacham

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

I. Moved and seconded that the minutes of the May 2023 meeting be accepted. Passed unanimously.

II. The President's Report was previously sent to all board members:

Bruce Toder is setting up a Pro/Am game at Temple B'rith Kodesh for Thursday, September 7

From August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023 there was a budget surplus of \$2172; the proposed budget for 2023-2024 shows a surplus of \$2475.

Suggestion to increase the expense allocation for new playing cards; Jim, Doug and Lori will develop a process for culling out bad decks

Denise moved and Andy seconded that the 2023-24 proposed budget be adopted; passed unanimously.

III. Denise spoke re: summer sectional. She was not pleased with the handling of the kitchen. She would like to formulate a plan for kitchen management at the next sectional in October. Jim commented that much more detail is required for each job. Pizza for lunch worked well. There should be a food line on both side of the table to speed up serving. The fruit salad was "a go" again.

IV. Discussion about amending the constitution so that a board vacancy can be filled by the board until the next election. Ken moved and Dave seconded that the board adopt this alternative constitutional change.

V. Denise moved and Dave seconded that the "break point" for the fall sectional be increased to 750 master points. Unanimously approved.

VI. Roger Woodin recently passed the 10,000 master point limit. Suggested that because of Roger's contribution to local bridge, he be awarded the Goodwill Player of the Year. Nandini moved and Denise seconded the Roger be named Goodwill Player of the Year by the RABA.

VII. We have four candidates for three seats on the RABA board. Nandini is running as an incumbent. The election will be held after Labor Day. Ken moved and Andy seconded that we use Simply Voting.

VIII. Our normal meeting time is 5:00 PM. On a Tuesday. The next board meeting will probably be held after the Board election and before the October sectional.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

B. Andrew Dutcher, Secretary