

## **RABA Board Meeting Minutes**

November 15, 2023

Present [via zoom] Jim Patton, Denise Slattery, Jill Miller, Liz Meacham, Andy Dutcher, Doug Bradley, Nandini Joshi, Lori VanDerlinde, Michael Kirschen

Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM

### **Election of Officers:**

All elected by acclamation:

- Jim Patton - President
- Michael Kirschen - Secretary
- Jill Miller - Treasurer
- Denise Slattery - Vice President
- Member-at-Large - Liz Meacham

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting: moved, seconded and accepted.

### **New Signatory**

Jim Patton moved to have Jill Miller authorized as an additional signatory for all RABA financial matters: Seconded, and unanimously passed.

### **President's Report**

- We now rent a 10' x 10' storage unit at Linden Storage (870 Linden Avenue in East Rochester.) We store 46 tables, ca. 200 bidding boxes, and several large bins of Sectional & Regional supplies. We share the expenses 50:50 with Unit 112; our share is approximately \$850/year. This rental was approved earlier by the Executive Committee. Unanimously concurred by the RABA board.
- The 2024 Sectionals are April 13/14, July 6/7, and October 19/20 at Gates Recreation Center. These dates were selected so as to make sure they did not conflict with other Regionals, Sectional, or holidays.
- The ACBL awarded the JCC a \$3000 charity grant for senior programing. Hopefully, the money will be used to fund a program teaching bridge.
- Jim attended the Lancaster Regional and the District 4 Board meeting. He reported that the ACBL is losing money and District 4 are losing money at an unsustainable rate. All regionals need a 7.5% profit to remain viable. Betsy Cutler was elected the new president of District 4.

### **Key RABA Positions**

- Tournament Chairs and Hospitality Chairs were selected for 2024. The selections are summarized in the table at the end of the minutes.
- Committee chairs were selected at the meeting:
  - Nominating Committee: David LaTart & Michael Kirschen
  - Publications and Communication: Jim Patton, Lori VanDerlinde, & Michael Kirschen
  - Tournament: Jim Patton & Denise Slattery
  - Awards: Nandini Joshi
  - Audit: Andy Dutcher
  - Mentoring: Sally Hill
  - Youth: TBD
  - Sunshine: Denise Slattery

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### **Financial Reports**

RABA had \$33 net profit in the first quarter vs \$555 budget.

### **Sectional Report**

The Fall sectional had 66 1/2 tables and a net profit of \$503. The table count was fewer than anticipated. The profit shortfall was caused by the lower attendance and the higher hotel costs for the Director. The player shortfall was primarily NLM pairs. Bruce Toder ran an online game in competition with the Sectional. While ACBL rules do not ban this, Jim Patton expressed his concern to Bruce. Ultimately, Bruce donated \$100 to compensate for any lost revenue.

From our learnings at the Fall Sectional, the following were agreed for future Sectionals:

- Postpone the start of the afternoon session by 15 minutes to allow a more reasonable time for lunch.
- Serving a green salad with lunch on Sunday can be optional provided a fruit salad is served. Tournament Chair to decide.
- Keep a closer eye on tournament signups before purchasing donuts and bagels. (We did not need 4 dozen items daily in last fall.)
- Keep the NLM split at 750 MPs.
- Keep the \$12 price.
- Move to credit card only.
- Jill Miller will bring her coffee pot in case the GRC pots are AWOL.

### **Next Meeting**

- 5:30 pm Wednesday is the best time for the meetings.
- We will next meet in late January.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted

Michael B. Kirschen, Secretary

**RABA Calendar 2024-2025**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>2024</b>						
Spring Sectional	April 13-14	Sectional		Gates Recreation Center	LaTart	Hospitality - Miller
Rochester I/N Sectional	May 30-31	Sectional I/N	Toder	TBK	Toder Bradley	
Summer Sectional	July 6-7	Sectional		Gates Recreation Center	Meacham	Hospitality - Joshi & Slattery
Finger Lakes Regional	August 5-11	Regional		JCC	Youmens	
Fall Sectional	Oct 19-20	Sectional	TBD	Gates Recreation Center	Slattery	Hospitality - Kirschen
District 4 NAP B Final	October ?	NAP B	TBD	1st Congregational Canandaigua?	Mary Miller?	
NAP C District Final	October ?	NAP		TBD	Bruce Toder?	
Seneca Falls Sectional	Nov 9-10	Sectional	TBD	TBD	Mary Miller	
<b>2025</b>						
Spring Sectional	April 5-6	Sectional		Gates Recreation Center		
Rochester I/N Sectional	TBD	Sectional I/N	Toder			
Summer Sectional	July 12-13	Sectional		Gates Recreation Center		
Finger Lakes Regional	June 23-28	Regional		JCC?	Youmens	
Fall Sectional	October 11-12	Sectional	TBD	Gates Recreation Center		
District 4 NAP B Final	October ?	NAP B	TBD	TBD	Mary Miller?	
NAP C District Final	October ?	NAP		TBD	Bruce Toder?	
Seneca Falls Sectional	Nov 8-9	Sectional	TBD	TBD	Mary Miller	