

RABA Board Meeting Minutes February 28, 2024

Present [via zoom] Jim Patton, Jill Miller, Liz Meacham, Doug Bradley, Lori VanDerlinde, Dave LaTart, Michael Kirschen

Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM (your secretary was 3 minutes tardy)

The Minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting were approved as written.

President's report:

Sectionals at GRC

- April 13-14
- July 6-7
- October 19-20

Regional at JCC

- August 5-10

Financial Reports

Jill presented the half-year financial report:

- Net is a loss of \$1021 compared to a budgeted loss of \$90 (an unfavorable variance of \$931).
- The major drivers were the \$500 lower profit from the Fall Sectional and the unbudgeted expense of \$1053 for the Storage Facility rental on Linden Ave.

Jill commented on additional items of interest.

- The Constant Contact contract was modified to eliminate polling, saving approximately \$300/year.
- Jill Miller advised that an audit is necessary. Michael Kirschen to contact Andy Dutcher to advise and request.

Spring Sectional Report

Jill Miller will supervise the kitchen. Kitchen issues

- consensus that 60 cups is the capacity for a caffeinated coffee pot
- 40 cups for decaf
- hot water pot for tea

David LaTart is the Chair

- He will collect the 4/5 bins with plates, forks, knives, etc. as well as the tables from the Linden Avenue Storage facility [LAS] on Friday before the sectional
- He will personally check in advance at Gates {GRC} for 10 tables and make sure that both coffee pots are fully functional.
- Food: David will order and pick up four dozen pre-sliced bagels with various cream cheese spreads for one day and four dozen donuts for the other day. He will pay for the pizza, donuts, bagels [etc.] and ice.

Lunches: Participants on their own for Saturday lunch [NB - at our last meeting we agreed that the start of the afternoon session should be postponed by 15 minutes to allow a more reasonable time for lunch]. There is a Wegman's within one mile.

Sunday lunch - David will order 5 sheets of pizza from our last provider. It will be prepaid and the receipt will be provided upon delivery. It was agreed that RABA will pay Jane Romal to provide a fruit salad as she did last year. If that is unavailable, then a green salad will be served.

We agreed unanimously that we should not ask for contributions from the players for food.

Tournament Caddies.

Abby (Gayle Philips's granddaughter) is our returning caddy

We need to recruit caddies for the future.

- Jim will contact Nancy Geoca to see if her two grandchildren would be interested.
- Jill Miller will talk to her neighbor.
- The rate will be \$90 flat for the day for inexperienced caddies.

Jill Miller said she would bring \$110 to the April Sectional to pay Abby.

Regional

Michael Kirschen made a motion to lend our BridgeMates for the Regional. David LaTart seconded same. Unanimously passed.

Manpower will be needed to move some 30 tables from TBK, and 46 from storage at Linden Avenue to the JCC. TBD.

Adjournment -

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Liz Meacham.

Unanimously adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Michael Kirschen