

RABA Board Meeting minutes
November 12, 2024

Present [via zoom] @ 5:00 pm

Denise Slattery, Jill Miller, Michael Kirschen, Dave LaTart, Margie Spence, Ken Kallio, Gerry Steenberge

Jim Patton - Ex-Officio

The minutes of the July 26, 2024 meeting were not approved at the October 8, 2024 meeting. By consent of those present at that meeting, those minutes were approved.

The proposed minutes of the October 8, 2024 meeting were amended to reflect that Jill Miller will chair the July Tournament [July 19 & 20, 2025], and Margie Spence will chair the October 11 & 12, 2025 tournament.

As so amended the proposed minutes of the October 8 meeting are approved.

Denise Slattery announced that attendance at tournaments has been down 10% year after year.

Financial Reports - presented by Jill Miller:

Fall Sectional - budget was \$1200, and we received \$900.

Quarterly financial report - basically on budget, a little less on income, and a little less on expenses.

Per Denise Slattery for Next Fall's sectional ; if we keep it local, the points are less, but the expenses are lesser. Jim Patton opined that the Fall sectional must remain local - to save on expenses.

Jill Miller made a motion that the Fall Sectional 2025 remain a local sectional. Denise Slattery seconded the motion. Discussion was had - in a local tournament points would be silver, we have to use local directors and all payments would be in cash - no credit cards. There is a table limit of 25 or fewer tables filled in any one session, or the ACBL might get picky. The table limit would not be a problem in the fall, but might be in the summer.
Unanimously passed

Discussion was had regarding the cost of sectionals. Everyone in District 4 charges \$12. Ken Kallio has been researching the going rates.

Margie Spence noted that there is an increased amount of cash in the RABA treasury. Questioned why we would consider increasing the \$12 rate for sectional, when we have a "high" level of cash.

No motion was necessary to keep Sectional Fees at \$12.00 for the fiscal year - 8/1 to 7/31. Discussion was had about the pros and cons of having separating or joining the AM/PM sessions. We should review the issue in the future.

Board Committee Assignments

Jim Patton has agreed to be Tournament Chair

Sunshine Committee - Margie Spence offered to do so.

Gerry Steenberge - will be Awards committee assignment.

Denise Slattery and Dave LaTart, with Ken Kallio's assistance, will be on the Nominating Committee.

Consensus that Jim Patton will provide background and tutorials at a casual gathering of the RABA board members, at the home of Jill Miller on 144 Trevor Court Road, Brighton on December 11, between 5 and 7. The attendees will bring goodies.

Jill Miller noted that Gerry Steenberge will be doing the audit, and that we should consider having an audit of inventory of assets. Drop Box will be accessible to all Board members.

Margie Spence raised the question of having a board member do the audit. Jill Miller recited provisions of the Constitution that did not address, nor prohibit, a board member from so acting. That question was thus resolved.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Denise Slattery, and seconded and unanimously approved at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Michael B. Kirschen
Secretary