

## RABA Board Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2024

Present [via zoom] Jim Patton, Jill Miller, Doug Bradley, Lori VanDerlinde, Dave LaTart, Michael Kirschen, Nandini Joshi, Denise Slattery

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

The Minutes of the May 8, 2024 meeting were presented. It was moved and seconded to accept them as written; this was unanimously approved.

Lois Sanders' achievement of becoming a Platinum Life Master was announced and applauded.

Jill Miller reported on the Summer Sectional July 6-7 at GRC:

- We had a net profit of \$1,400.
- We had approximately the same number of tables (81) as at the Spring Sectional but eight fewer tables than the Summer 2023 Sectional.
- We saved money as no lunch was provided

Jim Patton reported on the Sunday of the Summer Sectional

- On Sunday, we replaced the Swiss teams for NLMs with pairs games. We had 5 tables of Non-Life Masters [NLM] on Sunday morning and 3 more tables that afternoon. The consensus was that this offering was a success.
- It was moved and seconded that NLM games be offered on Sunday AM and PM for future sectionals. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board consensus was that no formal lunch on Sunday was easier and less costly. Barbara McIver ordered pizzas on Sunday for lunch—paid out of pocket, and individuals purchased slices from her. This was reportedly quite successful and an informal option for the next sectional.

There was a discussion about the number of donut holes that were offered for breakfast - 4 boxes were ordered, and it was suggested that more boxes be ordered - the Board was advised that we “broke even” on breakfast - thus, unless our cost remains the same [perhaps another donut hole vendor?], our supply sufficed.

### JIM PATTON REPORTED ON OUR FALL SECTIONAL

- Our favored director, Brian Meyer from Buffalo, is not available. If we stay with the same format, we are likely to get Rob Neuhart from Albany as our director. Among other issues, he requires two nights in a hotel.
- Jim Patton raised the possibility of using a “local” option with Bruce Toder as director. Here are the tradeoffs:
  - We would not pay for a hotel room, a per diem, or mileage for a local director. The game fee is also less. In total, RABA would save about \$800 going this route.
  - The local sectional offers the same number of master points, but only 80% are silver and the rest are black. (This is a correction from what was reported at the meeting.)
  - Cash only - no credit cards.
  - The ACBL permits only fewer than 25 tables per session

Michael Kirschen moved that the Fall Sectional be designated as a “Local Tournament” Motion was seconded by Jill Miller and David LaTart. After discussion, Motion was passed unanimously

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### Future sectional scheduling:

- Our Summer 2025 Sectional is scheduled for July 13, 14. There is a Regional in Rochester June 23-28, 2025; Buffalo also has a Sectionals the same days in July. The Nationals are in Philadelphia in July. These represent a lot of tournaments in a short amount of time. Jill Miller made a motion to move the 2025 Fall Sectional to September 6-7, the week after Labor Day. Seconded. The motion passed.
- Jim proposed that RABA's 2026 Sectionals be held April 8-19, June 13-14, and October 10-11, 2026. Seconded. The motion passed.

### ELECTIONS

President Patton noted and named the five [5] candidates for 4 Board positions, each with varying strengths and experiences. He also suggested elections in late September or early October.

A spirited discussion ensued about the manner of the election. It was noted that there are some 400 RABA members. We have used electronic voting the last few years, but that costs nearly \$300 for each election. The suggestion was that we vote at F2F games in the same fashion as pre-COVID. The concern was that this would make it difficult for those not playing F2F (online-only players and nonplayers) to vote.

A suggestion was made to provide paper ballots at club games and at the Fall Sectional when more players turn out. This would depend heavily on the honor system since non-RABA players could easily vote, and anyone attending games could vote multiple times. Dave LaTart offered to supervise an electronic method that his church used to send ballots only to authorized voters. Jill Miller suggested a double envelope ballot where membership can be ascertained, yet the vote is secured in an envelope without names [two envelopes for election integrity].

A motion was made and seconded to have Jim Patton address voting opportunities to RABA members who are not F2F players. The motion included providing paper ballots at F2F games and at the Sectional. This motion passed.

Jill Miller presented a proposed for the 2024-2025 Budget. It was moved and passed to accept the budget as presented.

### ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. It passed unanimously
- The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Kirschen  
Secretary to the Board

| 2024-25 Budget                               | Q1 Budget       | Q2 Budget       | Q3 Budget       | Q4 Budget       | 8/1/24 to         | 8/1/23 to          | 8/1/22 to          | 8/1/21 to          | 8/1/20 to           | 8/1/19 to           | 8/1/18 to           |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | Aug - Oct       | Nov - Jan       | Feb - Apr       | May - July      | 7/31/25<br>Budget | 7/31/24<br>Actual  | 7/31/23<br>Actual  | 7/31/22<br>Actual  | 7/31/21<br>Actual   | 7/31/20<br>Actual   | 7/31/19<br>Actual   |
| <b>Revenue</b>                               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Sectional Net Revenue                        |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Spring Sectional Net                         |                 |                 | \$ 1,400        |                 | \$ 1,400          | \$ 1,214           | \$ 2,307           | \$ -               | \$ (150)            | \$ -                | \$ 1,927            |
| Summer Sectional Net                         |                 |                 |                 | \$ 1,400        | \$ 1,400          | \$ 1,388           | \$ 1,906           | \$ 1,330           | \$ (150)            | \$ -                | \$ 1,184            |
| Fall Sectional Net                           | \$ 1,200        |                 |                 |                 | \$ 1,200          | \$ 503             | \$ 773             | \$ 700             | \$ (1,050)          | \$ 1,096            | \$ 1,429            |
| Unit 112 Regional Reimburse                  | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ 300              |
| Unit 112 Sectional Reimburse                 | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ 630              | \$ 71               |
| <b>Sectional Net Subtotal</b>                | <b>\$ 1,200</b> | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 1,400</b> | <b>\$ 1,400</b> | <b>\$ 4,000</b>   | <b>\$ 3,105</b>    | <b>\$ 4,986</b>    | <b>\$ 2,030</b>    | <b>\$ (1,350)</b>   | <b>\$ 1,726</b>     | <b>\$ 4,910</b>     |
| Other RABA Game Revenue                      |                 |                 |                 |                 | \$ -              |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Benefit Game Net before gift                 | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ 838              | \$ 990              |
| Appreciation Game Net                        | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ (398)            |
| Pro Am Net                                   | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| <b>Other Games Net Subtotal</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>       | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>         | <b>\$ 838</b>       | <b>\$ 592</b>       |
| Other Income                                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Director fee for Duplimate                   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Boards                                       | \$ 25           | \$ 25           | \$ 25           | \$ 25           | \$ 100            |                    |                    | \$ 33              | \$ -                | \$ 1,367            | \$ 2,401            |
| Member Cash Donations                        | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              |                    | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ 200              | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Directory & Name Badge Sales                 | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              |                    | \$ -               | \$ 21              | \$ -                | \$ 236              | \$ 186              |
| Misc   | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              | \$ 100             | \$ 500             | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ 379              |
| <b>Other Income Subtotal</b>                 | <b>\$ 25</b>    | <b>\$ 25</b>    | <b>\$ 25</b>    | <b>\$ 25</b>    | <b>\$ 100</b>     | <b>\$ 100</b>      | <b>\$ 500</b>      | <b>\$ 54</b>       | <b>\$ 200</b>       | <b>\$ 1,603</b>     | <b>\$ 2,966</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$ 1,225</b> | <b>\$ 25</b>    | <b>\$ 1,425</b> | <b>\$ 1,425</b> | <b>\$ 4,100</b>   | <b>\$ 3,205</b>    | <b>\$ 5,486</b>    | <b>\$ 2,084</b>    | <b>\$ (1,150)</b>   | <b>\$ 4,167</b>     | <b>\$ 8,468</b>     |
| <b>Expense</b>                               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Copier + Duplimate Net                       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Expenses                                     | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              |                    | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Labor for Duplimate                          | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              |                    | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ 1,004            | \$ 1,784            |
| Copier Lease/Purchase                        | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              |                    | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ 783              | \$ 1,310            | \$ 1,310            |
| Copier Consumables                           | \$ 50           | \$ 75           | \$ 50           | \$ 75           | \$ 250            | \$ 225             | \$ 256             | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ 184              | \$ 246              |
| <b>Copier + Duplimate Net</b>                | <b>\$ 50</b>    | <b>\$ 75</b>    | <b>\$ 50</b>    | <b>\$ 75</b>    | <b>\$ 250</b>     | <b>\$ 225</b>      | <b>\$ 256</b>      | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 783</b>       | <b>\$ 2,498</b>     | <b>\$ 3,340</b>     |
| Communications                               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |
| WebMaster                                    |                 | \$ 200          | \$ -            | \$ 200          | \$ 400            | \$ 400             | \$ 400             | \$ 800             | \$ -                | \$ 400              | \$ 400              |
| Constant Contact                             |                 | \$ 250          |                 |                 | \$ 250            | \$ 202             |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Website/Constant Contact                     |                 |                 | \$ 25           | \$ 375          | \$ 400            | \$ 372             | \$ 508             | \$ 787             | \$ 410              | \$ 1,030            | \$ 631              |
| <b>Communications Subtotal</b>               | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 450</b>   | <b>\$ 25</b>    | <b>\$ 575</b>   | <b>\$ 1,050</b>   | <b>\$ 974</b>      | <b>\$ 908</b>      | <b>\$ 1,587</b>    | <b>\$ 410</b>       | <b>\$ 1,430</b>     | <b>\$ 1,031</b>     |
| Other Expenses                               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Game Supplies (Playing Cards, Boards, Boxes) | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 200          | \$ 200            | \$ 562             | \$ 145             | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ 1,407            | \$ 809              |
| Other Assets                                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | \$ -              |                    | \$ 1,108           | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ 948              |
| Bridgemates & Duplimator                     | \$ -            | \$ 100          | \$ -            | \$ 100          | \$ 200            |                    | \$ 534             | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Storage shed                                 | \$ 1,000        | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 1,000          |                    | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ 990              |
| Bridge Education                             | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              |                    | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Subsidy for Monday Night Game                | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -              |                    | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -                | \$ 370              | \$ 16               |
| Online Voting Expense                        | \$ -            |                 |                 |                 | \$ -              | \$ 241             | \$ 254             | \$ 264             | \$ 265              | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Misc   | \$ 75           | \$ 75           | \$ 75           | \$ 75           | \$ 300            | \$ 1,151           | \$ 109             | \$ 81              | \$ 28               | \$ 201              | \$ 231              |
| <b>Other Expenses Subtotal</b>               | <b>\$ 1,075</b> | <b>\$ 175</b>   | <b>\$ 75</b>    | <b>\$ 375</b>   | <b>\$ 1,700</b>   | <b>\$ 1,954</b>    | <b>\$ 2,150</b>    | <b>\$ 345</b>      | <b>\$ 293</b>       | <b>\$ 1,978</b>     | <b>\$ 2,993</b>     |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                         | <b>\$ 1,125</b> | <b>\$ 700</b>   | <b>\$ 150</b>   | <b>\$ 1,025</b> | <b>\$ 3,000</b>   | <b>\$ 3,153</b>    | <b>\$ 3,314</b>    | <b>\$ 1,933</b>    | <b>\$ 1,485</b>     | <b>\$ 5,906</b>     | <b>\$ 7,364</b>     |
| <b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>                       | <b>\$ 100</b>   | <b>\$ (675)</b> | <b>\$ 1,275</b> | <b>\$ 400</b>   | <b>\$ 1,100</b>   | <b>\$ 52</b>       | <b>\$ 2,172</b>    | <b>\$ 3,553</b>    | <b>\$ 599</b>       | <b>\$ (7,056)</b>   | <b>\$ (3,197)</b>   |
| <b>Cash Positions</b>                        |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Reconciled Bank Balance                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   | 7/31/24 YTD Actual | 7/31/23 YTD Actual | 7/31/22 YTD Actual | 7/31/2021 YE Actual | 7/31/2020 YE Actual | 7/31/2019 YE Actual |
| Previous Reconciled Bank Balance             |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   | \$ 9,824.32        | \$ 9,772.49        | \$ 7,600.45        | \$ 7,448.70         | \$ 10,084.00        | \$ 11,822.90        |
| Change in Reconciled Bank Balance            |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   | \$ 9,772.49        | \$ 7,600.45        | \$ 7,448.70        | \$ 10,084.00        | \$ 11,822.90        | \$ 10,718.43        |
| <b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>                       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   | \$ 51.83           | \$ 2,172.04        | \$ 151.75          | \$ (2,635.30)       | \$ (1,738.90)       | \$ 1,104.47         |
|  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                   | \$ 51.83           | \$ 2,172.00        | \$ 3,553.28        | \$ 599.17           | \$ (7,055.80)       | \$ (3,197.11)       |