

Approved

DBAA/Unit 253 Board Meeting
Saturday, January 14, 2017 – 9:30-11:30 am
Bridge Club of Atlanta

Present:

Officers: Marty Nathan, Pete Martin, Rob Epstein, Jan Noll

Unit Reps: Joan Duffy, Janice Ripley, Roz Howell

Guests: Ron Torre, Sue Williams

Absent: Becky Butler, Josie Mitchell, Allison Milhem, Dick Myers, Jack Feagin

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 by Marty Nathan.

Prior Meeting Minutes – *The minutes of the October 15, 2016 Board Meeting, sent to the Board on October 23, 2016, were **approved**.*

Treasurer's Report – Pete provided the Treasurer's report prior to the meeting. *The report was **approved**.*

President's Message – Marty Nathan – Marty asked we give some thought to funding clubs to hold a duplicate game for social players. Another suggestion was to tie in with bridge teachers, rather than clubs. Janice and Joan will discuss with Club Managers.

We need someone to handle awards. Rob moved to reopen the topic of Mid-Flight Awards, seconded by Janice, to see if we could find a compromise that Roz would accept to resume Chair responsibilities. A vote was held to eliminate the Mid-Flight Award event; the vote failed. Under those circumstances, Roz said she would not resume award chair. Marty nominated Jack Feagin, who was approved to be Awards" chair.

A discussion was held regarding attendance of board members at our meetings. Marty is going to discuss this issue with the 3 who have not attended regularly.

DBAA Game – A motion was made to update the committee for this game, replacing George Powell since he is no longer Treasurer. *The motion for the committee to be made up of Pete Martin, Miles Duke and Jack Feagin as the new committee members was **approved**.*

Committee Reports (Note: Not all will have a report every meeting)

- New Appointments - Marty Nathan; appointed Sue as Web Administrator, and she was **approved**. Marty reappointed the District 7 Representatives, which was **approved**. Secretary is to advise District 7.
- District 7 Report - Judy Fendrick (or appointee); Janet Sherwood sent a summary report which will be sent to the Board.

- Change of Rank – Jan reported for Becky; who has some concern about the numbers of people changing rank and the cost involved in providing free plays for all. After discussion of all alternatives, it was agreed that we should continue rewarding all players who changed rank in 2016.
- Directory - Rob Epstein/Sue Williams – see website discussion
- Education - Joan Duffy / Janice Ripley – nothing to report
- Elections - Elyse Mintz - election to be held in February of 2018, with work beginning around October.
- Finance - Bob Fendrick, nothing to report
- GNT/NAP – Vacant, nothing to report
- Goodwill (D7) - Judy Fendrick; nominations will be sent to the board on February 1; voting will take place at March meeting.
- Hall of Fame - Mike Sheldon; nothing to report
- Membership - Bev Wilkinson, nothing to report
- NABC - Judy Fendrick/Joe Sherwood, nothing to report
- Newsletter - Diane Strickland; next newsletter coming out 2/1.
- Special Games - Vicki Bell – Vicki has set up the 28 games a year designated by our unit.
- Sportsperson of the Year - Roz Howell; plaque is up, certificate presented.
- Tournament Committee - Jack Feagin, nothing to report
- Tournaments - Ron Torre; budget for tournament estimates are projecting \$2k loss, due to shortfalls in food and rooms. Contract calls for certain number of room nights and certain amount of spending for food. The Charleston tournament was down about 16%.
- Awards – Jack Feagin
- Web Site - Sue Williams – Sue showed the new website to group. Sue will make all board members administrators for the website so the board can review. We hope to migrate by 2/15/17 to the new website. We plan to demonstrate during March sectional..
- Youth Bridge - Patty Tucker, nothing to report.

Old Business

- Discussion on movement and display of trophies – tabled for next meeting

- Review of Policies and Procedures
As previously stated, we will start with those we have approved piecemeal since April 2015.
 - III.B. Championship Events*
 - III.G. SPOTY
 - III.H. HOF
 - III.I. COR
 - III.J. Goodwill
 - III.L. Grand Life Master
 - III.M. Mentor
 - IV.E.3 Investment Policy
- To be changed to include Flight B pairs Championship event.

*A motion was made and **approved** to accept the above as presented.*

It was agreed that the following sections would be reviewed by the board via email. The Secretary will send out individual sections for review and comment.

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| I. | Definitions |
| II. | Overview |
| III.A and C-F | Competition |

New Business

- Grant request from Silver Belles for bridge mates
The Silver Belles made a request for a grant to purchase Bridgmates for their club. Discussion was held regarding profit/non-profit status. *A motion was made to purchase bridgmates and was **not approved**.*
- Annual Meeting – *A motion was made that the Annual Meeting should be held on March 5th at Sectional and **approved**.*

Next Meeting (March 11)/adjourn 11:20– Marty Nathan