

**Minutes**  
**DBAA Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 10 AM, January 9, 2023**

Tom Drinkard called the meeting to order at 9:58. In attendance were:

Rich Brody  
Candy Cox  
Tom Drinkard  
Jack Feagin  
Jim Fordham  
Sue Williams

The minutes and treasurer's reports, which had been previously mailed to Board members, were approved. Craig Robinson mentioned in his treasurer's report that the ACBL's new reimbursement to the Unit for member dues, instead of the previous 11%, is now 5% with an extra 5% for new members and 5% for renewed (retention) memberships.

Tom reported that Merrie Edelston needs volunteers to make phone calls inviting inactive players to come back to club games.

Tom asked Jack Feagin about the Nationals. Jack said that he was especially pleased with the volunteers; they showed up for their positions and were very good at their jobs. He said that all of the plans for the tournament went very well. He felt that the crowds didn't always take advantage of the entertainment and side events that were offered. He does not at this time have a clear picture of tournament finances. The ACBL hasn't told us how much we owe them, in part because we provided extra incentives and compensation, such as free plays, coupons, and parking supplements. Peter Martin thinks that we were under budget and may get some money back. The District covers ~75% and the Unit ~25%. In terms of numbers, there were about 6500 tables, about the same as Phoenix last year, but certainly less than pre-Covid nationals. The ACBL's estimate for gifts and prizes was too high; we have plenty left over for future tournaments. Generally, Jack was very pleased, said we probably wouldn't hold another national for ten years unless the ACBL finds itself in a jam. Atlanta is a popular spot with good venue options. Tom thanked Jack for all that he did and extends our thanks to Becky Butler and all of the volunteers for their contributions.

Tom said that the annual Hall of Fame program starts in April. A form is needed for nominations, and Tom will work on that.

Sue Williams will be sending out an email soon looking for volunteers to work on the Quarterly Newsletter.

The Unit owns about 110-120 card tables for use at tournaments and a trailer, all stored very safely at Jim Stogner's home. Ernie Eayrs has taken charge of transporting them

to and from tournaments, but he is in the process of moving. Jim would like the Unit to find another place for storage, and we need to find other means of transportation. It was suggested that we might be able to work something out with a table rental company, i.e., giving it the tables in return for a discount in renting them. Jack doesn't want to involve a third party. The tables are fine with Jim for the time being, and he thinks that Susan Davis' husband, Mason, would help with transportation. We would have to make sure that the hitch works with his truck. The Unit has compensated Jim and Ernie with free plays for their contributions and would do the same for anyone else. Rich Brody suggested a storage unit. Jack said that the smallest unit, which at all wouldn't be large enough, would cost around \$100/month, that there may not be easy access to get the tables out and back in, and that we still need a covered, dry place to store the trailer. Sue Campbell and Roz Howell both offered to store the tables, but their spaces are not convenient or workable. Jack feels that we can find someone with a large house and unused space and a garage with a third unused stall. Sue Williams offered to send out an email asking for help; Jack said he can ask when he sends out the email for the February sectional. Rich suggested that we offer Jim extra compensation to continue storing the tables at his home. Jack added that Peter Martin isn't comfortable having the trailer registered in his name.

Jack would like to have signs made for the clubs to encourage C and B players to form teams to compete for a \$900/person subsidy for a trip to the Grand National Teams Event at Summer Nationals in Toronto. We need to identify these teams. So far the Unit has had the following qualifying events:

Dan Papineau - 2  
Sam Marks - 1  
Bill Marks - 1

The Unit reimburses the directors \$6/ table for the qualifying events. Sam's games have the greatest number of C and B players, and a good deal of his profits are due to C and B players. Tom will talk to him about promoting the team events. There will be team qualifying games at Sam's, Saturday, Feb. 17th for both C and B teams and Sunday, Feb. 18th for C teams only. Jack made a motion that the Unit provided pizzas for these games. He estimates that the cost should be ~\$250. There was no further discussion and none against. The motion carried.

Jack was playing at Sam's this day and will try to make an announcement about the upcoming team events.

Tom asked if there was any other business, and, as there was none, he adjourned the meeting at 10:43.

Respectfully submitted,

Candy Cox