

Minutes
DBAA Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Tom Drinkard called the meeting to order at 10:00. In attendance were:

Candy Cox
Tom Drinkard
Jack Feagin
Jim Fordham
Craig Robinson

There were no amendments or corrections to the January 9th Minutes, distributed via email before the meeting, so they were approved. Likewise, there were no amendments or corrections to the Treasurer's Report, also distributed before the meeting, and it was approved.

Tom reminded the Board that the new Brookhaven Bridge Club will be having their first game, their grand opening, tomorrow, February 14th. He will be there at the start to welcome all.

Tom brought up the Change of Rank parties that will be taking place in March. Players whose rank has changed in the past year will have one free play at the club of their choice. The ACBL will reimburse the clubs for the free plays. It will provide \$75 toward the snacks for up to fifteen tables or \$125 for parties with more than fifteen tables. A list of the players whose rank has changed has gone out to the directors. Club directors are to notify Candy Cox of the date they would like to host their party to ensure that there are no conflicts. The following clubs have announced the date of their COR party:

Roswell (Bill Marks) - Monday, March 11
Alpharetta (Dianna Norris) - Friday, March 15
Kennesaw (Janice Ripley) - Thursday, March 21

Tom reviewed the new ACBL Policy 5/5/5 which starts on April 1, 2024. The Unit receives 5% of the annual dues players pay to the ACBL; this is down from 11%. Units can earn an additional 5% for new members and an additional 5% for retention of members whose membership has lapsed. In his 2/12 email he forwarded an email from Bronia Jenkins, Executive Director of the ACBL, explaining the 5/5/5 policy. It includes a link to the ACBL's "Return to the Fold" Reporting Tool. Merrie Edleston is the Board member in charge of membership, and she has asked for our help. Tom suggested that we read Bronia's letter and check out the "Return to the Fold" reporting tool. It lists the names of players (49) in our unit whose membership in the ACBL has lapsed and has a drop down for each where we can click on either the reason for the lapse or what we have done to bring him or her back.

Tom reported that he is still waiting on sample forms for Hall of Fame nominations.

We need to find a place to store the Unit trailer which holds the tables, chairs, and other supplies for tournaments. Jim Stogner has been storing it and will until the upcoming NLM Sectional that runs February 29-March 3. We need a new place, temporary if necessary, after March 3rd. Jack has checked into renting a parking space at a self-storage rental place. These are expensive in the greater Atlanta area and inconvenient outside of Atlanta where costs are lower. He is hoping that one of our players has space in an empty garage or on the property of his or her home to park the trailer or who has a business with a garage or parking lot with a spot to park the trailer. If need be, Jack will see if we can park it temporarily outside the building where the Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Club is. This needs to be resolved in the next few weeks.

The Grand Nationals Teams games will be held at the Bridge Club of Atlanta (Sam's club) this Saturday, Feb. 17th, for Flight B teams, and Sunday, Feb. 18th, for Flight C teams. Jack said that someone needs to be there both days to figure out how many pizzas to order and where to get them. Tom will be there at the start of the games.

Tom relayed that Georgio Casanovi reported that the collegiate tournament at Georgia Tech was a big success. There were nineteen teams!

As there was no other business, Tom adjourned the meeting at 10:18/

Respectfully submitted,

Candy Cox