

Minutes
DBAA Board Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2024

Tom Drinkard called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The following were in attendance.

Tom Drinkard
Candy Cox
Jack Feagin
Craig Robinson
Garry Williams
Sue Williams

The July Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Tom reported that the District has raised the master point limits for the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs. Flight B will have an upper limit of 3,000 master points, up from 2,500. Flight C will have an upper limit of 750 master points, up from 500, with the provision that the Flight C player must be a non-life-master. Flight A master point restrictions remain at 6,000 master points.

Tom also reported that there should be five hours between the start times of the first and second games of the day at regionals to provide enough time for the directors to eat lunch. If less, the games are limited to 24 boards. The drawback to 24 board games is that with an odd number of pairs, the director has to move someone (offering a free play).

Tom announced that the DBAA is now soliciting nominations for Sports Person of the Year. Rich Brody will chair the committee, which includes Becky Butler and Veronica Stoessel, and Tom would like to see this accomplished by our October meeting. Craig asked about the criteria. Jack said it should not be a popularity contest, and the nominees don't have to be top players. Some criteria are

- attendance at games
- behavior at the table and in the club
- the encouragement of new players
- not calling the director or taking advantage of the opponents for little things.

The winner will be awarded a free play at all of the events sponsored by our unit, i.e., a sectional. The only twist is that the winner must come to a majority of these events. Without a clear winner in the first round of voting, the Board will continue voting until a clear winner is determined.

Tom suggested that the DBAA subsidize Grand National Teams events \$7/table for 2024-2025. The intention is to get the cost for clubs for these games to net zero. If like last year, there will probably be 100 tables; but if the number is higher the DBAA would cover the difference. District seven provides a stipend of \$3600 to District Finals winners for Flights A, B, and C. Consequently, the District doesn't subsidize the GNT qualifying games. After some discussion, Jack moved that the unit subsidize the games as above; Garry seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Jack reported on the recent Labor Day Regional. He said that there was an extra expense for the fliers for the regional. The original fliers had an uncaught error with the time and had to be reprinted.

Also, attendance was down and we didn't meet the room block. The situation is difficult. Because of the way the terms of the contract were written, we could get out of our obligation this year, but we are obligated to the same block next year, which we are unlikely to meet, and would likely be held accountable next year. Jack would like to continue using the [Renaissance Atlanta] Waverly Hotel. He is working on a solution and will keep the DBAA informed.

Tom asked if there was any further old or new business, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Cox
Secretary

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all of the events ... not one of the
events

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(typo) should be Brody, not Brady

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the board will continue voting . not
the committee will continue.

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District Seven provides a stipend of
\$3600 to the winning team in the
District Final for each of Flights A, B,
and C.