

*Approved*

**DBAA/Unit 253 Board Meeting  
Saturday, April 15, 2017 – 9:30-11:30 am  
Bridge Club of Atlanta**

**Present:**

**Board of Directors**

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

**Directors:** Josie Mitchell, Roz Howell, Joan Duffy, Jack Feagin

**Guests:** Ron Torre, Vicki Bell

**Absent:** Dick Myers, Becky Butler, Janice Ripley

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Marty Nathan.

Meeting discussions are out of the normal order due to time constraints of some of the members.

**February Tournament:** Jack raised the issue of the February tournament. Roswell will not work from a cost perspective. The Perimeter Marriott has changed ownership, and no longer wants us. If we change the structure of the tournaments, we may have more venue opportunities. In 2018, we have booked the Ravinia for week after Memorial Day. We could do a three day tournament with a club event one day. Jack is waiting to hear from the Ravinia for February 2018. Jack is also talking to Holiday Inn on Chamblee Dunwoody. There was no opposition to reducing tournament to 3 days.

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the March 11, 2017, sent to the board on March 13, 2017, were **approved**.

**Treasurer's Report** – Pete sent out Treasurer's report prior to meeting. The report was **approved**.

**President's Message** – Marty Nathan – board and committee members received an email on a meeting in Gatlinburg; be sure to attend the meeting if you will be in Gatlinburg. There will be a new event at the Sectional in May – the Friendship Game in which Life Master plays with a NLM; we need to talk it up. It will be included in our newsletter.

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

- New Appointments Marty Nathan  
Director vacancy – Marty has recommended Sue Williams. She was **approved**.
- District 7 Report Judy Fendrick (or appointee)  
Nothing to report

- Change of Rank  
Nothing to report  
Becky Butler
- DBAA Game  
Pete is going to try to run promotional games in June. If you play one Wednesday, you get next free. If above seven tables, Miles will be given additional compensation.  
Pete Martin
- Directory  
We are still getting people signed up. Many of these don't have email. About 370 people are currently enrolled. We will put something in the newsletter to encourage people to sign up. We are using the ACBL database for our website. We will be pulling in an update twice a year.  
Rob Epstein/Sue Williams
- Education  
Mentoring program starts May 1. Notice will be in the newsletter about the Friendship game at the upcoming Sectional. Janice is asking for volunteers for KSU (3 Tuesday nights in May – May 6-9 in the evening).  
Joan Duffy / Janice Ripley
- Elections  
Nothing to report.  
Elyse Mintz
- Finance  
Nothing to report  
Bob Fendrick
- GNT/NAP  
Nothing to report  
Vacant
- Goodwill (D7)  
Nothing to report  
Judy Fendrick
- Hall of Fame  
Per Marty, Mike will be promoting opportunity to nominate candidates for the Hall of Fame soon.  
Mike Sheldon
- Membership  
Nothing to report  
Bev Wilkinson
- NABC  
Nothing to report  
Judy Fendrick/Joe Sherwood
- Newsletter  
Marty posed the question as to whether we can use Pianola to send out emails with attachment of our newsletter. We can use Pianola to send out email, but link would be better than attachment. Marty reiterated the need for committee members and board members to send in content.  
Diane Strickland
- Special Games  
Nothing to report.  
Vicki Bell

- Sportsperson of the Year  
Nothing to report. Roz Howell
- Tournament Committee  
Nothing to report. Jack Feagin
- Tournaments  
Nothing beyond what Jack reported. Ron Torre
- Awards  
Nothing to report. Susan Wolfe
- Web Site  
See above. Sue Williams
- Youth Bridge  
Nothing to report. Patty Tucker

**Old Business**

- Discussion on movement and display of trophies  
Remove from discussion.
- Update on policies and procedures  
Vote on approving the current version of policies and procedures and posting on website.

**Approved**

- Duplicate game for social players at clubs  
No interest from clubs.
- Attendance motion  
Resolved:
  1. The DBAA Election Procedures be amended by adding the following paragraph 2. c. in Appendix E, "DBAA Guidelines":
    - "c. Include for all board members their attendance record at DBAA board meetings for the current term, i.e., almost two years."
  2. The Secretary shall maintain such attendance records and provide them to the Election Chair upon request.

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Commentary:

We had to cancel one board meeting and almost a second one for lack of quorum. While it is not expected board members will attend every meeting, we must be able to conduct the affairs of the organization. The membership is entitled to know whether candidates for the board have attended meetings regularly.

Article Vi. M of our bylaws provide that:

A Director, including those who are Officers, may be removed for missing four or more Board of Director meetings in any consecutive 12 month period.

No one wants to have to take such a harsh step. Warning board members (and prospective board members) that their attendance records will be published may deter those not willing to participate from taking a board position and encourage those who do to attend our meetings.

**Motion was not approved**

### **New Business**

- Disciplinary Notice Motion:

The DBAA shall notify our community of the suspension of a member on its web site and in its newsletter. Such notice shall be limited to the information contained in the "Notice of Suspension and Probation" (or its successor if the form is changed) provided by the ACBL.

In accordance with paragraph 9.63 of the ACBL's Code of Disciplinary Regulations, such notice must be removed from the web site once the penalty period (including any probation period) is over.

#### Example

Upon recommendation of a Unit 253 Disciplinary Committee, \_\_\_\_\_Member has been suspended from the ACBL for four months and placed on probation through June 30, 20xx for engaging in unethical behavior as defined in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations section 3.20.

There shall be nothing published regarding any disciplinary action that is less than suspension or expulsion.

The President and Secretary along with the Conduct and Ethics Chair share the responsibility for implementing this policy.

**Motion was approved.**

- Alzheimer's donation  
A request for donation was received from Helen Browdy and Arlene Tauber to support The Longest Day. After discussion the request was  
**Not approved**
- Meeting schedule discussion

An open discussion was held on options to be considered for board meetings – whether we should consider morning or late afternoon meetings, during sectionals, fewer meetings, shorter meetings, etc. No conclusion was reached.

Next Meeting (June 3) Meeting was adjourned at 11:35.