

***Approved***

**DBAA/Unit 253 Board Meeting Board Meeting  
Saturday, May 21 - 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, Becky Butler, Allison Milhem  
**Guests:** Ron Torre, Vicki Bell  
**Absent:** Josie Mitchell, Jack Feagin, Dick Myers

The meeting was called to order at 9:35.

**Prior Meeting Minutes** - *The minutes of the April 9, 2016 Board Meeting, sent to the Board on May 2, were **approved**.*

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

**President's Message** – Marty Nathan had discussion with Bob Heller regarding the turmoil in the ACBL, including ACBL score. Bob has offered to meet with anyone interested during the June Sectional. We agreed to hold this session on Wednesday at the conclusion of the afternoon session (Roz will put out fliers).

**Committee Reports**

- New Appointments - none
- District 7 Report - Vicki reported on the last meeting which was held in Gatlinburg. There was discussion on the endowment fund, allocating additional monies to be spent.
- Change of Rank – nothing to report
- Directory – Rob Epstein reported that we are close to having a platform we can use in a lot of different ways, such as posting an event calendar for the unit. Allison will run the new website. Rob will get the ACBL member list from the ACBL and send out an email to all Unit 253 members. We will ask clubs to promote updating information.
- Education – mentoring is going well. There was a suggestion that we consider putting out a 1 page guide for mentors.
- Elections – nothing to report

- Finance – Bob Fendrick will be getting with Peter in the next couple of weeks to discuss.
- GNT/NAP – nothing to report
- Goodwill (D7) – nothing to report
- Hall of Fame – nothing to report
- Membership – nothing to report
- Nationals – Becky reported that a banner is to be hung at the Raleigh Regional advertising the Atlanta Nationals.
- Newsletter – Marty advised we continue to have problems getting articles in on time.
- Special Games – nothing to report
- Sportsperson of the Year – Roz Howell reported that something will go in next newsletter regarding this selection process which will take place in September.
- Tournament Committee – nothing to report
- Tournaments – parking at the upcoming sectional will be free; need to get Jack to send something out. We don't have sanction yet for February 2017.
- Trophies – Roz proposed the following motion:

*The DBAA/Unit 253 has an appointed position of 'Trophy Chair'. This person will be responsible for adding brass plates to the 8 existing plaques as needed and maintaining a list of the winners to be posted on the website.*

*The 'Trophy Chair' will be responsible to insure that all 6 Championship events are held at the appropriate time and place.*

*All eight plaques may be displayed at any area club that requests them if that club has room to hang them all in close proximity. All eight plaques will travel together at all times and it is expected that they will be hung for a minimum of two years in any location before they are re-located.*

*The Championships that have plaques are:*

<i>Open Pairs</i>	<i>Open Swiss Teams</i>
<i>NLM Pairs</i>	<i>NLM Swiss Teams</i>
<i>Open KO</i>	<i>Friendship Pairs</i>

*The Honor awards are:*

*Sportsperson of the Year*

*Hall of Fame*

*Additional events or honors, which may be added in the future, shall be included in this policy.*

Prior to voting on this motion, *Marty proposed amending the motion to allow trophies to be moved annually.* The amendment was discussed and **approved. *The original motion was approved as amended.***

- Web Site – nothing to report
- Youth Bridge – nothing to report

### **Old Business**

Learn Bridge in a Day? August results – Patty Tucker – Patty is trying to recreate list from prior event.

Investment Policy – Bob Fendrick – no discussion

Request for computers by District 7 – on hold

### **New Business**

Motion proposed regarding funding for sectionals

*The DBAA shall cease its policy of reserving one half of profits on sectionals to be used to subsidize losses for future sectionals.*

Following discussion, motion was **approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45

Next Meeting (July 9)/adjourn – Marty Nathan