

Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta
Board Meeting Minutes: April 2, 2008
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Center

Present: Jack Feagin, Susan Wolfe, Judy Fendrick, Richard Holland, Kevin Collins, Bob Heller, Ralph Folkerts, Barbara Heller, Bill Marks and Marty Nathan

Absent: Donna Holland, Dan Papineau and Richard Browne

Others Present: Miles Duke, Director DBAA Game

Proceedings

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Jack Feagin. Jack welcomed and congratulated the new members: Ralph Folkerts, Dan Papineau, Barbara Heller, Bill Marks and Marty Nathan.

The minutes from the March 5 meeting were approved.

Financial Report

No Treasurer's Report was presented. Marty stated that DBAA is required to have a financial review conducted annually, and Ed Foran has volunteered to do this for free.

ACTION ITEM: Richard Holland - Richard will ask Donna to provide the Treasurer's Reports and documentation to Marty to give to Ed.

Unit Elections

The election was held at the March sectional. Some players were confused by the process, and some registered complaints regarding absentee ballot procedures. DBAA needs to informally make suggestions on improvements in the process to keep people informed.

DBAA By-Laws Revision

A committee was established to revise the by-laws. Nicolas Hammond was appointed chairman; Susan Wolfe and Bob Heller will serve as committee members. Changes are needed in the by-laws due to processes that no longer exist.

Sectional Tournament Update

Bob reported that despite a successful turnout, the Sectional tournament held March 26-30 at the Holiday Inn-Northeast Doraville sustained a loss of \$576. The rent, food and beverage obligation was \$16,185, and other costs included the youth discounts and 99er free plays. The total free play cost was \$2,100. Overall, the feedback from players was positive. The hotel management indicated they would like to have our business in the future.

Future Sectionals

We need to get next year's tournament schedule set. Discussion focused on whether July 4 holiday weekend is a good time for sectionals, and it was decided that it is generally a good time because it brings in more out of town players.

ACTION ITEM: Bob - For the upcoming December sectional, Bob will check with the Roswell hotels we've used in the past and the Holiday Inn-Northeast Doraville.

Website Redesign

Judy previously sent an e-mail with a listing of items to include as links to get feedback from the board. A committee consisting of Kevin, Susan and Judy was formed to work out the details to

give to Larry. One of the features we need is the ability to update the front-page news.

Semi-Fast Pairs – DBAA Game

Miles suggested we start a semi-fast pairs game on the second and fourth Wednesdays when there are no hand records. There would be 6 minutes per board. An alternative would be to have the semi-fast pairs game on the last Wednesday of the month.

ACTION ITEM: Board – The board will take this into consideration and decide at a later date.

DBAA Meetings - Location, Frequency and Time

The current DBAA by-laws provide that we will hold a regularly scheduled meeting each month. Discussion focused on whether we could accomplish what we need by having a meeting every other month and whether we could rotate the time and location of the meetings to avoid having to drive in rush hour traffic on I-285. Bill suggested we hold a meeting in Marietta on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Another suggestion was to hold three of our monthly meetings at the sectional tournaments, which would be March, July and December of each year. This suggestion was adopted by the board.

MOTION by Bob Heller to change the monthly DBAA meeting to Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Motion denied. Dissenting: Kevin, Susan, Marty, Judy, Barbara and Jack

Beginning Bridge Classes – River Club

Jack met with Bill Nelms and Dick Browne at the River Club location. The room is fine for the purpose we need. They have chairs, but we will need to bring tables over. We will need to buy a portable easel. The room is close to a pool, so there could be a noise factor, but most likely not at night.

Our original plan was to start in May; however, Marty suggested that due to summer vacations, it might be best to start in late summer or early fall. We will provide night-time lessons and will need to recruit a teacher.

ACTION ITEM: Jack – Jack will prepare a notice for the community bulletin board to see what kind of interest there is.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2008 – 6:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Judy Fendrick.

Judy Fendrick

Judy Fendrick, Secretary

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