

Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta
Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2008

Present: Jack Feagin, Susan Wolfe, Judy Fendrick, Allison Milhem, Barbara Heller, Bob Heller, Dick Browne, Ralph Folkerts, Marty Nathan, Dick Myers and Mike Kovacich

Absent: Kevin Collins and Richard Holland

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by President Jack Feagin.

Prior Minutes

The minutes of the August 11 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the summary prepared by Allison for the August income and expenses. Bob reported there was a net profit of \$6,796 from the July sectional tournament.

Concessions at Labor Day Regional

The hotel is charging tax on concessions, resulting in delays for players to get through the line. Jack is working this issue.

Elections – Unit 114 and DBAA

Mike Kovacich attended the meeting at Jack's request to discuss the future election process for the Unit and DBAA. Jack stated the DBAA will help with the elections in any way.

Mike provided a brief history. Unit 114 restructured its Areas and Board, effective December, 2007. The Unit has a total of 17 reps – 9 within Metro Area and 8 from five other Areas.

The most recent Unit election was held at the March, 2008 sectional at the Holiday Inn-Northeast Doraville. In addition to voting at the polls, numbered e-mail ballots were allowed, but some players did not return the ballots and were allowed to vote at the tournament. The polls were open for four one-hour sessions.

The next Unit election will be held at the February-March, 2009 sectional in Roswell. The polls will be open for at least seven one-hour periods, starting Wednesday. 14 people will be needed to run the polls for one hour each. The DBAA could run its ballot at the same time. Mike believes that as long as someone is present as a Unit chairperson for elections, then the locals can run the elections. Marty suggested local organizations could provide workers for the Unit elections.

Mike suggested to Tom Wight, Unit 114 President, that the reps who are up for election would not be allowed to work the poll. Candidates will need to declare 30 days prior to the election.

Jack indicated the DBAA will appoint committees and solicit volunteers to work the election under the Unit's direction. DBAA will await further details from Mike.

DBAA General Liability Insurance

Ralph and Jack are researching the options for DBAA's general liability insurance coverage.

Night-Time Bridge Classes

The DBAA-sponsored classes will begin October 7 at Martin's Landing River Club. The class is booked with 25 people signed up. At least one volunteer will be needed each week to help Mary Jo set up the class and be there for assistance. Dick will coordinate the volunteers.

Jack suggested that we consider additional locations for night-time classes, such as Sandy Springs Senior Center.

ACTION ITEM: Jack will make a proposal to the Sandy Springs Senior Center for DBAA to hold a bridge class at night.

DBAA By-Laws

Susan explained the changes made to the DBAA By-Laws.

MOTION: Marty moved to modify Article 7, Section C.3 that if an Area rep does not wish to serve on the DBAA board, then the person will need to submit a formal resignation. Susan seconded. *Motion approved by 5 to 2 vote.*

Marty also suggested that the By-Laws should reflect that the DBAA Board will establish election procedures.

ACTION ITEM: DBAA Board will vote by e-mail on the By-Laws after Marty sends Susan the suggested changes.

ACTION ITEM: DBAA will write a separate document for procedures to run the DBAA elections.

"Triple Points" at Club Games

Bob has raised the issue with ACBL. Rich DiMartino is the chairman of the ACBL Masterpoint Committee. Marty suggested that a player survey be conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 1, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Fendrick

Judy Fendrick, Secretary

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