



DBAA MARCH MEETING

March 28, 2018

President Roz Howell called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm at the Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Club, welcoming member of Unit 253 and guests.

The prior month's meeting minutes were accepted.

Roz opened with a State of DBAA Report. She thanked Past President, Marty Nathan and his team for positioning us for the future; by established strong infrastructure and solid financial position. As president, Roz's immediate focus is on offering outstanding tournaments and improving programing benefits for our members. Her goal is to improve goodwill among the membership, increase DBAA brand recognition and attract new volunteers.

Treasurers Report: Pete provided the current treasurer's report via email prior to the meeting. There was a small loss from the last tournament, but we are in a solid position financially. Attached as well as the report is posted online. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Change of Rank Parties - Becky Butler Report

Becky reports a great response from the clubs. A few requests have made by the larger clubs to increase the current \$75 funding to cover the additional expenses being incurred due to higher attendance. Becky is to investigate and make a recommendation at a future meeting.

Tournaments - Jack Feagin Report

Jack has requested an increase in the tournament fees due to increasing facility costs plus the impact of decreased attendance. The topic was discussed, and Roz asked Jack to make a written proposal and add it to our next month's agenda and we will address it then.

Hall of Fame nominations open in April.

Print directories will be reprinted in the beginning of 2019. All updates and additions are posted online in the interim.

May is Mentoring month.

Old Business:

We had an open discussion on the costs involved for providing board members (up to \$150) a light dinner prior to our meetings. It was agreed we would continue providing the meal with the stipulation that board members would make a reservation by the Thursday prior to the next meeting date.



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New Business

Approved Proposed DBAA meeting dates for the remainder of 2018:

5/31/2018 Thursday, 5:30 @Sectional Tourney Site, *Sectional*, May 31-June 3rd
7/18/2018 Wednesday, 4:30 ADBC, (one week before NABC starts)
10/12/2018 Friday, TBD @Sectional Tourney Site
12/5/2018 Wednesday, 4:30 ADBC

- Judy Fendrick/Joe Sherwood were not able to attend our meeting (NBAC budget request is still outstanding.)
- Appointed by the President and approved by the Board, Karen Bragman Committee, Education Committee and Donna Adler Committee, Membership.
- **Name tag purchases** – Roz passed around a sample name tag engraved with new DBAA logo. (Brand Recognition) Jan Noll asked that proposed tags include a title as well as the name. A small budget for specialty engraving purchase was approved.
- **District Newsletter** discussion with the goal of slimming down the newsletter to one page that would include hyperlinks to full articles on our website. Pianola will be used to broadcast the newsletter to subscribing members. Approved.
- **Atlanta Junior Bridge** - Roz Howell requested **Patty Tucker update** the Board on the results of the Black Collegiate event held in Atlanta during the winter.
- **Alpharetta Bridge Club** is moving at the end of March to a new location.
- A discussion was held on which clubs to include on list of bridge clubs within our area. There are some invitational clubs with respect to the listing on a “Free Play” Coupons to be used by new bridge players. Roz Howell provided a list prior to the meeting. Attached to the notes.
- **Charity Funding** - Vicky Bell no change to our identified charitable agencies. Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.



March Meeting Attendees:

Roz Howell

Karen Bragman

Vicki Bell

Jack Feagin

Jan Noll

Pete Martin

Melissa Taylor

Tom Drinkard

Becky Butler

Marty Nathan