



DBAA Meeting Minutes

**APPROVED 10/16/2019**

August 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm at Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Club.

Attending: Board Members: Roz Howell, Tom Drinkard, John Simms, Becky Butler, Jack Feagin, Sue Williams, Melissa Taylor.

A motion was made to approve March 2019 Meeting Minutes as distributed. APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report as distributed. APPROVED

After a group discussion, the previously tabled Hall of Fame (HoF) discussion and vote will be held in the future. It was agreed that we need two additional B.O.D. to fill the current vacancies. The DBAA's Policy & Procedures (P&P) states we need 75% approval of all Board Members to vote on an HoF nomination. One absent Board member would constitute a no vote. The consensus among the BOD was to wait until we have all vacancies filled and present for a discussion and vote.

Questions were raised about the length of service in a BOD term. Tom Drinkard volunteered to review the P&P and report back to the Board.

Past President Nathan will head-up the 2020 DBAA Nominating Committee.

President Howell and Past President Nathan will be discussing potential candidates in September and October.

President Howell nominated Judy Fendrick to replace Vicki Bell as head the Special Games Chair. The motion was seconded and APPROVED

President Howell asked Jane Melby to Chair the 2020 Mentoring Program and Friendship Game. She is awaiting Jane's response.

Sue Williams asked if we would be updating the Atlanta Players' Directory this year. After general discussion it was agreed that the Player Directory will be addressed in 2020.

Pianola -Sue Williams is concerned that current players are not accessing the Pianola, our online database. Jack Feagin suggested that we include a table at the upcoming Regional stocked with Pianola services and explain the benefits to our newer players of accessing that information. Sue wanted to include a paragraph about the Pianola in our new member letter.



President Howell asked Sue to write a small paragraph for our upcoming newsletter. She also suggested Sue visit new bridge player classes to discuss the benefits of Pianola to new ACBL members.

President Howell is inviting up to 50 people to attend an informational meeting scheduled for Wed after the afternoon session in the regional tournament in the hospitality suite. The discussion will center on player participation, experiences of volunteers, and how spending impacts Atlanta. This is a large demand of resources on local Atlanta players because we will have hosted three national tournaments in Atlanta within ten years.

A motion was made to spend \$300 for Hospitality expenses for to support upcoming Regional. Motion Approved

President Howell opened the floor for discussion regarding the Atlanta 2023 NABC daytime game start-times. Please note, in March 2019, the DBAA Board of Directors unanimously approved the following motion. The motion states:

***All nationally rated events with 10,000 or fewer masterpoints and all Senior events be on the daytime schedule of 10am and 3pm. APPROVED***

*On August 7, 2019 the Board of Directors voted and passed the following motion:*

***This motion reaffirms our March 2019 motion to request of both, District 7 and The ACBL deliver a daytime schedule for games***

- ***All nationally-rated events with under 10,000-or-fewer, master points***
- ***Non-NABC Plus Events s***
- ***All Senior Events.***

Motion Approved 8/7/2019

Wednesday Night DBAA Game Director- Charlie Babcock wishes to step down as director. Potential replacements options were considered during a discussion. President Howell will continue looking for a replacement director. For the short term, until a permanent director is identified, President Howell scheduled several directors to fill-in and run the Wednesday night game.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held on December 4, 2019 at 4:30 at the Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Club.



Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Taylor  
October 17, 2019