

Approved
**Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta
Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: February 26, 2014 – 5:30–7:15 pm
Location: Roswell Adult Recreation Center

Present: Marty Nathan, Jack Feagin, George Powell, Judy Fendrick, Dick Myers, Betty Myers, Roz Howell, Vicki Bell and Bob Jones

Invited Guest: Tom Eidson

Absent: Larry, Rich, Allison Milhem, Mary Ann Oakley

Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Judy Fendrick

Vicki moved to approve the January 11 meeting minutes. Roz seconded. *Motion approved.*

Treasurer’s Report – George Powell

George distributed the 2013 Balance Sheet, Income Statement, 2013 transaction summary, and the January 2014 P&L Report to the board prior to the meeting. George briefly covered the highlights of 2013:

- Net profit from four tournaments: \$3,437
- Tournament reserve fund increase for the year: \$1,035
- DBAA Wednesday night game profit: \$615
- Program costs, including grants: \$8,161

Judy moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report. *Motion approved.*

Mentoring Program – Roz Howell

The club managers have the information so that the program can start in March. Janice Ripley asked for LMs to attend her March 11 night game (6:00 – 9:00) at KSU to mentor. Roz has 3 volunteers for this game and needs more.

BCA is concerned about not having enough mentors to sign up. Sam requested that experienced NLMs be allowed to serve as mentors, if needed. Roz will consider this request on a case-by-case basis.

Published DBAA Directory – Marty Nathan

The published DBAA Directory is now over one year old, and Marty believes we should have it updated and republished by the end of the year.

Action Item: The DBAA Directory Committee will start the process of getting the updates for the next published directory.

Online DBAA Directory – Tom Eidson

Tom sent a Phase 1 proposal to Marty, which covers set up of the online database and directory webpage, and a plan to have volunteers set up at clubs to demonstrate how individuals can update their information on the website. The starting point for the database will be the ACBL data combined with the DBAA directory data. Individuals will be able to change their data and select whether they want to be included in the online and/or published directory. Donna Schmid has contacted the clubs to get volunteers to help with the set up. We could also demo the online directory screens at the July Sectional.

The board will need to decide which data items we want to capture – phone, e-mail and other items.

We will need to purchase laptops for the demos, which can be used for other purposes later or donated. The cost for laptops is estimated at \$1,000. Roz moved that we approve \$1,000 expenditure for the laptops. *Motion approved.*

Action Item: Prior to our next meeting, Marty will send out the proposal and data elements we need to consider for inclusion in the database.

Unit Rep Elections – Marty Nathan (for Bob Duval)

Voting is being held at the tournament, and was held at clubs the week prior to the tournament. Six people are running for the five Unit Rep positions for Metro Atlanta.

Website – Betty Myers

All DBAA Newsletters are now available on the DBAA website.

Newsletter – Marty Nathan (for Mary Ann Oakley)

The next DBAA Newsletter will be published after Gatlinburg.

Tournaments – Dick Myers

Dick provided the flyer for the July 2014 tournament, which includes “Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta Presents Hotlanta Independence Supersectional” at the top.

For future years, we will have our summer Sectional over Memorial Day weekend instead of July 4th.

For the Swiss Team game tomorrow night, we will have pre-dealt hands. If this works, we will do this regularly in the future. Nancy Watkins agreed to try having the duplicated Swiss, and we hope it is a success. Duplicated Swiss requires more boards. MABC owns the boards, and only certain levels of directors are allowed to carry the boards. We need to resolve the issue of transporting the boards.

Change of Rank Parties – Judy Fendrick

All of the clubs except Alpharetta and DBAA have scheduled their party dates in March. The clubs have the listings and instructions.

Action Items: Judy will contact Diana Norris to get Alpharetta's date. George will talk to Miles and determine the date of the DBAA's COR party. Once all of the parties are scheduled, Judy will send the schedule and a website update to Betty for posting.

ABA Tournament – Jack Feagin

Jack reported that ABA is planning a tournament at Ravinia in August. The schedule is not yet available. He spoke to the local chairperson and has pledged to help in whatever way possible. Jack suggested DBAA sponsor food on one of the days.

Action Items: Jack will obtain the ABA tournament schedule, which is planned for sometime around August 1.

President's Message – Marty Nathan

Marty provided an update on the debate in District 7 as to the future role of MABC. There could be impact to District 7 since we use MABC supplies at our tournaments, and MABC is widely known throughout the country as running successful tournaments.

Marty also reported that he sent a motion to Nicolas for the upcoming Unit 114 meeting on Saturday to request that the Unit President appoint a study committee to review the feasibility of forming a new Atlanta Unit. The committee would need to work as an independent group to review all positive and negative aspects of making Atlanta a separate Unit and report back with their findings and recommendations. It is expected that DBAA would merge into the new Atlanta Unit. Marty and others in favor of the idea are aware that there are concerns about dividing Unit 114. He asked that the Atlanta Unit Reps attend the meeting and vote or send a proxy.

Next DBAA Meeting: April 19, 2014 – 9:30-11:30 – Bridge Club of Atlanta

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Fendrick, Secretary