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

**Date:** April 13, 2013 – 9:30 – 11:30 am

**Location:** Bridge Club of Atlanta

**Present:**

Marty Nathan, Mary Ann Oakley, George Powell, Judy Fendrick, Betty Myers, Dick Myers, Patty Tucker, Jack Feagin, Vicki Bell and Eva Ratonyi

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

Dick moved to approve the February 13 meeting minutes. Jack seconded the motion.  
*Motion approved.*

**Treasurer's Report – George Powell**

George provided a report showing the costs of the 2013 Friendship Games and Change of Rank parties with details of participating clubs and breakdown by Life Master categories.

Change of Rank Parties	\$2,104.00
Friendship Games	666.00
Total	\$2,770.00

The above cost for COR parties does not include Alpharetta, and we expect to receive their information soon. George also provided three DBAA financial statements:

- 2012 Comparative Balance Sheet, reflecting DBAA's net worth at 12/31/2012 at \$67,847. (This statement is final except for a \$109 discrepancy.)
- 2012 Comparative Statement of Cash Flows (Receipts and Disbursements), reflecting a negative cash flow for the year of \$2,905.
- 2013 Monthly Profit and Loss Report, reflecting \$183 profit for the first quarter, 2013.

**Change of Rank – George Powell/Judy Fendrick**

George noted from his review of the COR documentation from clubs that there were five players identified thus far who played at least twice at different clubs and received multiple free plays. In addition, two players who were not on the list received free plays. One was Larry Giltman who spoke to Judy on the date of the ADBC party and was certain he had changed rank. Since we did not get December 2012 data for COR from ACBL, Judy thought Larry had not been counted, so he was approved to be included. Later search showed Larry changed rank in January 2013, so he will not be on the 2013 list next year. The other person was a woman who resides in Florida but has a home in Atlanta and plays frequently at DBAA clubs. Our COR policy will be that we will honor those players who fit this category, and our P&P for COR will be updated to reflect this.

**Action Item:** Judy will update the Change of Rank Policies and Procedures to reflect the policy for players to receive a COR free play if Atlanta is their second home and they regularly play at DBAA clubs.

Next year we will ensure the one free play per person criteria is included in our newsletter announcement about COR and also in advertising at clubs.

Other than these minor glitches, the COR parties went well this year. 162 out of 430 eligible players participated.

### **NABC Update – Jack Feagin**

Jack reported that some players have raised questions about the high cost of playing at the Nationals. Jack wants additional information to be disseminated electronically and otherwise to provide players with a better understanding of the national schedule, types of events, transportation and parking options. DBAA will include an article in its next newsletter on or about April 25. Patty also has an idea about a newsletter and posting at the clubs.

Jack is working on a project to create a slideshow for pictures of winners. Tom Eidson is helping with getting the right equipment. They are hoping to have this ready for a dry run at the upcoming Sectional in May. A volunteer is needed to oversee the project and ensure pictures of winners are obtained at the applicable events.

The planning committee is working to have food court coupons and discounts, and Jack is working with a company to create a coupon with the ACBL logo that will cost \$2 each that will be given to approximately 2,500 players at the beginning of the tournament.

### **DBAA Newsletter – Mary Ann Oakley**

Mary Ann thanked Patty for her help with Constant Contact. The first newsletter is scheduled for distribution on April 25 and will contain information about limited games for NLMs, NABC, AJB, bridge hand and president's column. Patty suggested we include the Alzheimer's benefit event "The Longest Day" in the newsletter, and a handout was provided for this.

We expect to get more names and e-mails added to our distribution as people forward the newsletter to others who request to be included.

The ACBL has some e-mail addresses in their database, some of which are marked as private, which can be segmented by county. However, we know from past experience that their database contains quite a few deceased individuals and would need to be thoroughly checked for accuracy.

If we know of any player's e-mails who would want to be included in the newsletter distribution, send to Mary Ann.

A couple of ideas suggested were to ask the Unit to send players an e-mail to let them know to contact Mary Ann to be included in DBAA newsletter distribution, and/or ask club owners to post the newsletter and tell people to include their e-mail addresses if they want to be included. Another suggestion was to consider buying a permanent bulletin board for permanent clubs to post DBAA information.

### **On-Line Directory – Eva Ratonyi and Dick Myers**

Our website no longer has Eva's name shown as the contact for DBAA directory updates.

Eva suggested that Constant Contact (through the newsletter) could be used to ask people to update their telephone information and to opt in or out of the directory.

Marty said that Nicolas told him that Eva should be getting the Unit's In/Out report. Even though it will be about two years before we update the directory again, we need to continue to capture the data. Marty reiterated that ACBL's policy is that we cannot publish contact information with individuals' consents; however, there is no ACBL policy on printed directories, so we will continue to publish phone numbers in print.

Dick mentioned that some other Districts and Units publish player phone and e-mail information, as well as games they play in, BBO number and birthday. The MABC website has an e-mail option for players to post their e-mail.

Dick volunteered to chair a committee to determine if we want to have an on-line directory and if including player information without obtaining permission is an acceptable procedure.

### **NLM Tournaments at Clubs – Judy Fendrick**

Judy reported that Sam Marks submitted a proposal for a NLM tournament at the Bridge Club of Atlanta (BCA) that essentially would enable the BCA to realize any profit or loss from the tournament, rather than the DBAA. The NLM tournaments at clubs committee (Dick, Marty and Judy) reviewed Sam's proposal and determined that it could not be recommended because it was too far removed from DBAA's establish policies for NLM tournaments at clubs. Therefore, the proposal was not brought before the board for a vote.

### **Tournaments Update – Dick Myers**

The Hilton in Norcross is not available for the summer 2014 tournament. Dick and Jack will talk to Crowne Plaza, and if it is not available, we need a different location. Patty mentioned that she received an e-mail from the Galleria about having an AJB tournament.

Vicki raised a concern expressed by many women bridge players that some hotels do not have adequate restroom facilities for women. Crowne Plaza is not good for women's restrooms. The Hilton Norcross is somewhat better. Dick acknowledged this issue, and will work to ensure we have the best options available, all things considered.

Dick will send a listing of tournaments and promotion ideas to Mary Ann for the newsletter.

### **Website Update – Betty Myers**

Betty updated the information Marty sent her, and sent to Allison to send to Larry for posting. Send any suggestions for website updates to Betty. We will have the newsletter on the website.

### **Election Procedures – Judy Fendrick (for Joan Sheldon)**

The Election Committee is meeting April 16 and will have a report at our next meeting. Joan previously sent an e-mail to the board with the current procedures and asked for comments, so any suggestions should be submitted to her by e-mail.

### **Atlanta Junior Bridge – Patty Tucker**

Patty still plans to resign as president. She has talked to Unit 114. A local individual is willing to help Patty enlarge the board and straighten out some issues. Tiered jobs would be set up to handle tournaments, classes, etc. and reduce burden for the president. Vicki and Terry Parkerson volunteered to do a fundraiser for juniors to be able to go to the Nationals.

Patty requested \$4,500 from DBAA for AJB 2013 funding for classes and camps. Dick moved to approve the request. Vicki seconded the motion. *Motion approved.*

The Alzheimer's benefit event – "The Longest Day" – will be an ACBL-sponsored event. We need clubs to participate. Patty asked that we post information on the DBAA website and in the newsletter. She offered to hand out club information at the event if someone will send her the information.

### **Learn Bridge in a Day – Patty Tucker**

ACBL requested Whirlwind Bridge (Patty) to conduct the "Learn Bridge in a Day" seminar on the first Sunday at the NABC. ACBL is doing a media blitz to promote, including notices to teachers and I/N groups. Patty is working with a marketing consultant who indicated that unless there is free parking for the event, it will not be a success. The course charge per person will be \$20. Student manuals will be provided. Patty is hoping the hotel will provide a reduced parking rate for the Tuesday night session. (There are plans for two sessions – first Sunday and first Tuesday night.)

Patty requested a listing of teachers and clubs in the DBAA area with their pertinent information.

**Action Item:** Marty will send Patty the information for teachers and clubs in the DBAA area and their pertinent information.

Patty will be reaching out to downtown colleges and the downtown community. She wants to also target middle school teachers, so research of school websites will be conducted.

Patty requested DBAA to fund \$3 per person to cover costs of student manuals. The motion to consider payment was deferred until our next meeting in May.

### **Policies and Procedures – Marty Nathan**

Marty indicated that previous discussions of changes to policies and procedures have not always been updated into the final written version as discussed and approved. Marty has asked Mary Ann (vice-president and assigned responsibility for P&P updates) to make changes in our P&P documents in a highlighted manner so that we can comment.

Our two most recent updates were for Change of Rank (COR) and NLM Tournaments at Clubs. COR policy was approved at our January 3 meeting but the latest draft has not yet been distributed. NLM Tournament document was approved by the board at our February 16 meeting.

**Action Item:** Judy will send Mary Ann the latest policies and procedures documents for Change of Rank and NLM Tournaments at Clubs.

**Next Meeting:** We will meet at the Sectional tournament in May at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia – date TBD.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judy Fendrick, Secretary*