

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

Date/Time: September 27, 2014 - 9:30–11:30 am

Location: Bridge Club of Atlanta

Present: Marty Nathan, President
Mary Ann Oakley, Vice President
George Powell, Treasurer
Judy Fendrick, Secretary
Unit Reps: Vicki Bell, Becky Butler, Dick Myers, Rosalind Howell, Bob Jones

Absent: Larry Rich, Jack Feagin and Josie Mitchell

Prior Meeting Minutes – Judy Fendrick

A motion was made to approve the August 9 meeting minutes. *Motion approved.*

Treasurer’s Report – George Powell

George distributed via e-mail on September 25 an updated Receipts and Disbursements Report and Executive Summary through August 31. The “Uncategorized Expense” represents one-half of the ice cream cost that DBAA funded for the ABA tournament in August.

Action Item: George will update his report to reflect the description of the expense.

District 7 held two breakfast meetings at the Ravinia during the recent Labor Day Regional, which are a District 7 expense, rather than an MABC expense. The established procedure with MABC is that they send DBAA an advance for the Regional, and DBAA pays final bills when received. George is waiting on a reimbursement check from the new District 7 Treasurer Ed Foran for the \$1,500+ cost of the breakfasts.

George and Jack met this past week to finalize the Regional report. Jack had gotten the hotel bill reduced by \$1,000 for corrections.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report. *Motion approved.*

DBAA Newsletter – Mary Ann Oakley

The newsletter is scheduled for distribution by the end of October; submissions are due to Mary Ann by mid-October. All newsletters include a listing of local tournaments.

This will be Mary Ann’s last assignment as newsletter editor; we will need someone to take over this assignment. The editor’s duties include maintaining the e-mail listing for Constant Contact until the DBAA electronic directory is fully implemented. The editor also sends reminders to submit news articles, edits the articles and puts them into Constant Contact. Patty Nathan does the mechanical support for the newsletter. The Constant Contact invoice goes to the editor, who then forwards it to the Treasurer. The person who has this job needs good writing skills.

Sectional Tournaments – Dick Myers

Dick reported that Bob Pearson is the Unit 114 Tournament Chair. Bob sent Dick an e-mail that our Sectional tournament sanctions for 2016 should be applied for now.

Dick also reported his findings from the venues Judy had asked him to check into. Marriott would be \$23,000, which is cost prohibitive. Events Loft works through a third party and so far no one has called him back. He also stated that no other board members had provided suggested venues.

Dick provided board members with flyers for the November Sectional in Roswell for distribution at clubs.

The 2015 Sectional tournament schedule is:

Spring: Roswell Adult Recreation Center – February 4-8

Summer: Crowne Plaza Ravinia – May 21-25

Fall: Roswell Adult Recreation Center – November 11-15

Dick and Jack spoke to the coordinator at Crowne Plaza; we have a contract and a room block of 122. Jack had mentioned to George that this contract has no food minimum. It is easier to get the hotels for tournaments on holiday weekends due to less business travelers.

Marty reported that the District NAP Finals for Flight C will be on Sunday during our November Sectional. If we get enough participation from C players, we will be allowed to also send the second place finishers to the NABC. The reimbursement is \$900. A 1099 is issued for the reimbursement paid.

We need flyers for the Flight C NAP event. If clubs do not have them, we need to get some from Chris Moll. District 7 News has the schedule of all flight qualifying and final events.

Action Item: Ensure clubs have the flyers for the Flight C NAP finals to be held on Sunday at Roswell tournament.

Online Database Project – Marty Nathan

Due to some health issues, Donna Schmid will no longer be the project coordinator. Vicki has agreed to work with volunteers in clubs and will prepare an article for the DBAA Newsletter to explain the process.

Judy is also writing an article for the DBAA Newsletter on how members can update their personal information and privacy settings on the ACBL website. She will coordinate with Vicki.

Roz suggested that posters at clubs would be helpful to get people's attention, similar to what we've done in the past for Mentoring Program posters.

Action Item: Judy and Vicki will coordinate writing articles for the newsletter and submit to Mary Ann by mid-October.

Mentoring Program at Georgia Tech - Roz Howell

Roz reported that the Georgia Tech students will not be ready for mentoring until November. They are recruiting a team for the collegiate championships, and they may want us to help train the team. Qualifying is done on-line, and the tournament is in the spring. We are not sure what Patty's role in their development is now, but she is pushing for the collegiate championships.

Emory has an extensive adult education program, and ACBL wants a coordinator for adult education programs in universities.

Action Item: Vicki will contact Emory to explore the possibility of a bridge program there.

Action Item: Marty will contact ACBL, and also ask Jan to contact teachers to find out what interest there is in teaching bridge at universities.

Election of DBAA Officers and Unit Reps – Marty Nathan

The DBAA Officers and four Unit Representative positions will be on the ballot in the upcoming election. Voting at clubs and at the tournament will be held. Election will end on February 8, at the end of the tournament.

The Nominating Committee is Mike Sheldon, Janice Ripley and Ralph Folkerts. Mike is the Committee Chair. A motion was made to approve the committee. *Motion approved.*

Marty has not yet found anyone to chair the Election Committee. Joan Sheldon volunteered to work on the committee. Some suggestions for Committee Chair were Jan Noll, Jill Riddle or Ina Parry. Bill Kulbersh may be willing to help.

New Business:

Unit's Redistricting Committee – Dick Myers

Ken has formed another Unit Redistricting Committee, consisting of Vicki Bell, Dick Myers, Dave Newcomer, Bob Jones, Donna Parker and Debbie Wagner. They will meet on Monday, September 29, and will revisit the issue of proportional representation of Atlanta and the Unit overall. Ken asked the committee to revisit this issue.

Mentoring Program – Roz Howell

The DBAA Mentoring program will be held in January. Roz asked if we can get a grant from the Unit. Bob Jones said she should submit the request. The program structure will be the same as last year. Alpharetta DBC has not submitted sufficient documentation to support their reimbursement request for this year and will need to submit a request to the board for the amount they expect; Roz and George do not have the authority to approve the amount.

Vicki moved to approve the Mentoring Program for January 2015, and Roz will submit a grant request to the Unit for the full cost of the program. George made 2 suggestions for the mentoring program: 1) DBAA pay the mentor's free play for the mentoring session but no additional free play, and 2) DBAA subsidize that a person will mentor a NLM for up to 3 sessions. This would help to establish the mentor/mentee relationship and promote learning. Mary Ann agreed; however, these suggestions were not adopted by the board. *Motion passed.*

Misbehavior – George Powell

George asked whether the Unit should sanction players for misbehavior at clubs, and also referenced a recent article in the Bulletin. Marty pointed out that there is a Conduct and Ethics policy within ACBL. In addition, the Unit has a C&E Chair, Kevin Collins, and a Recorder, Patty Tucker. These procedures cover misbehavior at tournaments, but they are limited in their authority to address misbehavior at clubs.

SPOTY – Roz Howell

Roz reminded everyone to submit their nominations for SPOTY by month end.

A motion was made to adjourn at 11:25. *Motion approved.*

Next DBAA Meeting: Friday, November 14 at the Roswell Sectional tournament.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Fendrick, Secretary