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President Jack Feagin called the meeting to order. Present: Jack Feagin, Susan Wolfe, Bill Burks, Josie Mitchell, Marty Nathan, Kevin Collins, Jan Word and Carolyn Eckert.

Items headlined in blue need future discussion and follow up.

1. **Minutes:** October 2005 minutes were approved with changes.
2. **Financial:** Announcements: Funding for proposals that are approved will be awarded following the meeting. Recipients will not have to wait until the following month in which the minutes are fully approved.
3. **Specialty Games:**
4. **Old Business:**

Future Atlanta Sectionals & Regional For 2006, two sectionals will be held in March at Roswell and July 4th at the Hilton Hotel; the next Regional will be over Labor Day weekend.

Bob Heller reported to Jack that with the price increase passed by ACBL, fees to host Sectionals have increased. Our sectionals will not be profitable or cost effective if we maintain the current charges for entry fees. If we do not raise income, we will lose money in future tournaments. Some suggestions offered to overcome this increase would be to 1). Prematurely increase entry fees; 2). Lose money for a year or two and re-evaluate solutions; 3). Cut down on expenses; 4) eliminate prizes for all except the novice/intermediate group.

The board decided to have Bob run the tournaments as we are currently doing with no changes in increasing entry fees or decreasing expenditures and perhaps take the loss for year 2006. Jack will ask Bob to present to the board an outlook on the prospective losses for future sectionals and that we expect losses to occur but we are not ready to increase fees or decrease expenses. We will be better able to make a decision after Bob talks with the board members.

Housing for Tables: At the conclusion of the last Sectional in Nov, Rich Reagan will transport tables back to Spartanburg. He is willing to continue transporting tables to the Roswell Sectional in exchange for free plays and a place to stay and funding to cover mileage costs. Looking for a longer term solution, Bill Burks offered to pick up the tables after the Atl Regional and transport them to Larry Rich's basement for storage. Bill is will to continue transporting tables from Larry's house to sect/regional. **Jack will report at the next meeting on the feasibility of this.**

Phone Book: Jan Word is to report at next meeting. It was suggested that a poster be made and displayed at the Atl Regional and a notice be placed in the Regional Bulletin asking people to make corrections to the DBAA phone list.

4. **New Business:**

Spring Sectional at Roswell Recreation Center : the tournament is scheduled for March 2-5, 2006. Jack and Bob will review contract and budget.

Meeting adjourned 7:30PM. **Nextmeeting: Wednesday January 4, 2006 @ 6:15pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Eckert

Carolyn Eckert, Secretary

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