

Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta
Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2008

Present: Jack Feagin, Susan Wolfe, Judy Fendrick, Richard Holland, Kevin Collins, Bob Heller and Dan Papineau

President Jack Feagin called the meeting to order.

Items highlighted in blue require future discussion and/or follow-up action.

1. **Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes from the December 5 meeting.

2. **Financial:** Judy presented the 2007 summary of the DBAA Wednesday night game income and expenses. The game sustained a loss of \$740 for the year. Judy also presented a report prepared by Judy and Donna that projects the 2008 income from the DBAA game, sectional tournaments and expenses. The bank balance at 12/31/2007 is \$33,528.88; CD balances total \$22,028.82. Bob suggested a few revisions on the tournament projections. Susan made a motion that we move our CDs in order to earn a higher interest rate. *Motion approved.* **Jack and Donna will go to the bank to change the DBAA account.**

3. **Old Business:**

Sectional Tournaments – Bob reported that we will have to pay the Holiday Inn in Decatur \$2,000 to terminate our contracts with them for the 2008 spring and fall sectionals. Bob also reported that the December sectional realized a net profit of about \$4,000.

For the July tournament, ACBL will pay costs related to the Youth North American Bridge Championship. Patty is getting sponsors for JB food. We will rent space from Dan Papineau at the Atlanta Duplicate club for the overflow during the JB game, and will need to have food and drinks there.

Unit Election at Spring Sectional – There will be 5 slots open for the new Metro Area.

DBAA Website – Jack spoke to Larry about getting menu items for easier navigation. **We need to review and let Jack know what items we want under each menu item.**

Promoting Bridge – Jack stated the ACBL can provide us with a listing of e-mail addresses for free or printed labels at a marginal cost for ACBL players who have not played in six months to a year. **We need to utilize this service.**

We need to periodically sponsor courses to train bridge teachers and directors. Priscilla has said she can work with us on this. Bob thinks the TAP course may have a \$50 rebate. Unit has money for this. **We need to determine the date of the last TAP class held in Atlanta.**

We also need to consider classes for night-time players and people who work, with possibly having a schedule of classes on a Saturday and Sunday, if we can find a location. The YMCA may be interested in getting someone to come in and teach. **Richard Holland is willing to teach and will contact the Y to find out if they would offer this.**

To determine interest from potential teachers, we will make an announcement at the March Sectional and also put a brief article in the District 7 News. **Judy will draft the article and send to Jack for review.**

4. **New Business:**

Special Games– Jan Word coordinates the schedules for the DBAA special games and sends to Larry for posting. Jan will continue to do this.

Change of Rank Party– Susan moved that we hold the COR party during the first two weeks of March.
Motion approved.

Friendship Game– We will hold a Friendship Game the second week of May.

Proposal for Sectional Tournaments at Clubs – Bob proposed that DBAA consider supporting any full-service club in the Metro Area that wishes to sponsor one sectional per year of no more than three days. We would ask that the club sectional be a minimum of three full weeks removed from any SuperSectional. The club would benefit from any profit or sustain any loss.

Discussion led to ideas and suggestions.

- ✓ We would need to consider impact to other clubs and other sectionals.
- ✓ GNT games are sectionally-rated games, which clubs can hold.
- ✓ Space could be an issue at some clubs because Sectionals can draw 60-70 tables in one day.
- ✓ We need to explore the idea of getting Unit reps to offer assistance to other Areas to set up tournaments – possibly Athens or Rome. Callaway Gardens was another suggested location.
- ✓ We need more sponsorship of bridge in the outlying areas.
- ✓ We could have a city-wide sectional at clubs and divide up the games, pay the clubs and make it a DBAA-sponsored event.

Topic was tabled for future discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2008 – 6:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Fendrick

Judy Fendrick, Secretary

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