

APPROVED

**Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta
Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
July 1 2009**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Robert Heller.

Present were: Robert Heller, Barbara Heller, Marty Nathan, Dan Papineau, Bill Marks, Dick Browne, Ralph Folkerts, Doug Roberts and Josie Mitchell.

Larry Rich was absent.

Guests present: Nancy Motes, Linda Kelly, Ina Parry, Dick Myers, Betty Myers, Jan Word.

Special Guest: Michael Kovacich who was invited to address the board.

Discussion Topics: Minutes of previous meeting
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Minutes:

The minutes were discussed. It was brought up again asking that the minutes be published within two to three weeks after the meeting. The secretary will make this happen!

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was given and approved. Marty reported that the CD rate is 2 ¾ %. He also stated that the small committee representing the Wednesday night game is to meet after the Summer Nationals in Washington, D. C.

Publications and Communications:

Dick Browne reported that all the CD's have been given to Jan Word. Dick said he is still working on lists and books. He volunteered to download the DBAA players from the District 7 list. A deadline of September 1st has been set as the time for volunteers to call people to check on the accuracy of their directory listing. The following people volunteered to help call: Nancy Motes, Ina Parry and Linda Kelly.

Dick indicated he has heard from all of the instructors that have been listed on the web.

Stationery Logo:

- Dick Myers presented three logo designs via e-mail for the board to vote on. Logo A received the most votes (5). This is now the official logo for DBAA stationery.

Hand of the Week:

- This is posted on the web page.

Directory:

- Jan Word asked if an announcement could be made at the July 4th tournament to update the directory for those who may not have given their input. This was agreed upon by the board.

Metro Clubs:

- Barbara Heller, chairperson, presented two issues for consideration: (1) Sectional tournaments in clubs and; (2) Finding ways to support clubs throughout all of the DBAA area.

Bob Heller stated that he though this was worth exploring. There just might be some small area where the DBAA might be able to help the clubs in the DBAA area.

Barbara Heller indicated these are talking points that should be discussed in the particular committees and not in the board meeting since this is committee work.

Special Guest:

Our special guest was our newly elected Hall of Fame member, Michael Kovacich. He spoke on the possibility of the DBAA taking control of its own elections. He also discussed at length, the election that was held during the Roswell Tournament.

Bill Marks asked a question that was, "Can absentee ballots be in the clubs?" Mike answered that, "all e-mail ballots must be notarized. He also stated that as far as he could determine there is no major problem with voting via e-mail.

Old Business:

- Bill reported that there were 28 tables of newcomers at the Roswell Sectional. Also, there were many tables in play at the fair, each table having four people playing.

The teachers on the web page have been moved to the lesson page.

Intermediates and novices are listed under the newcomers section.

Bob said all nine (9) DBAA board members are also members of the Unit Board.

Some committees have not gotten off the ground.

The hospitality committee is to welcome newcomers to the games in Metro Atlanta, and try

and reconnect with players who have left the game.

There was a question as to whether Rockdale County and Douglas County should become a part of DBAA. It was decided that the particular clubs should make that determination. Also, the DBAA and the Metro Atlanta area do not have to match up.

It was voted on and approved by the board to give Atlanta Junior Bridge \$2000 for operating expenses. There was one abstention, Marty Nathan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is at the Labor Day Atlanta Regional on Tuesday September 1st at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Josie Mitchell

Josie Mitchell, *DBAA* Secretary

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