

APPROVED
Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta
Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2009

PRESENT: BOB HELLER, BARBARA HELLER, BILL MARKS, DAN PAPINEAU, DOUG ROBERTS, RALPH FOLKERTS AND JOSIE MITCHELL

ABSENT: JACK FEAGIN, NANCY MOTES. LARRY RICH AND KEVIN COLLINS

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: THE PRESIDENT WANTED TO GET TOGETHER TO “KICK” AROUND SOME OF THE THINGS THAT LIE BEFORE US

TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE:

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YAHOO

BARBARA WILL TALK WITH NICHOLAS TO GET THIS SET UP.

SANDY SPRINGS CLASSES

THE CENTER IS EXPECTING US TO RETURN. WE HAVE FREE PLAYS THOSE COMPLETING THE BEGINNER CLASSES. CLUB OWNERS ARE INVITED TO COME AND PROMOTE THEIR GAMES. ANOTHER CLASS IS PLANNED IN APRIL 2009. THE PROJECT COST ABOUT \$1000 DOLLARS FOR TWO CLASSES. WE WILL RETAIN E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF NEW PLAYERS AND FOLLOW UP WITH THE CLUBS.

MARTY STATED THAT WE ARE NOT GETTING MANY YOUNG PEOPLE. WE SEEM TO BE GETTING EARLY RETIREES.
BILL STATED THAT HE SEEMS TO BE GETTING PEOPLE WHO CAN PLAY BRIDGE—JUST NEVER PLAYED DUPLICATE BEFORE.
A SUGGESTION WAS MADE TO HAVE AN “INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGE COURSE.”
BARBARA SAID AN INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGE COURSE IS A GOOD EYE CATCHER TITLE.
BOB ASKED FOR A MOTION TO DO THIS. THE MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED.
MARTY INVITED THE NEW PLAYERS TO COME TO DANCING CLUB TO PLAY BECAUSE HE WANTED TO BE THERE TO MEET THEM.
BILL SUGGESTED THAT THEY BE INVITED TO THE ROSWELL GAME AS WELL ON TUESDAYS.
PRISCILLA’S GAMES AND NANCY MOTES GAMES WERE ALSO MENTIONED.

NEWSLETTER:

BOB STATED THAT ANOTHER IDEA IS TO PUBLISH A NEWSLETTER. HE WOULD LIKE US TO CONSIDER THIS. BARBARA SUGGESTED THAT THE WEB SITE IS OUT THERE AND THAT PEOPLE CAN GO THERE. E-MAILING WAS SUGGESTED IN LIEU OF THE WEB.
BOB STATED THAT AN EDITOR WILL BE NEEDED. BOB ALSO, SUGGESTED GIVING CLUB MANAGERS ABOUT 25 COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE E-MAIL. (THE COST OF ALL OF THIS WAS DEEPLY DISCUSSED).

AGENDA:

THE AGENDA SHOULD BE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT, AND GOTTEN OUT AHEAD OF TIME.

NEW DIRECTORY:

BOB SAID THIS IS OUR NEXT MAJOR ISSUE. HE WILL SPEAK WITH JAN WORD REGARDING THIS TO INSURE THAT SHE WILL BE WILLING TO TAKE THIS JOB ON AGAIN. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT CLUBS AND TEACHERS BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT DIRECTORY.
MARTY MENTIONED GETTING THE LIST IN DIGITAL FORM—1700 TO 200 NAMES. WRITING THE CORRECT FORMULAR FOR THIS METHOD WAS DISCUSSED. BARBARA STATED THAT LARRY RICH PROBABLY KNOWS HOW TO DO THIS. BOB STATED THAT THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO DO ON THIS. ALSO THE COST OF PAPER AND THE COST OF PRINTING. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT MITCHELL LOCKLEAR IS A GOOD SOURCE TO CONTACT REG. PUBLISHING AND PERHAPS COST. AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE DIRECTORY WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. THE LAST DIRECTORY WAS PUBLISHED IN 2007.

MINUTES:

THE MINUTES SHOULD BE GOTTEN OUT WITHIN 3 TO 4 WEEKS AFTER THE MEETING. THE MINUTES SHOULD REFLECT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN LENGTH AS TO WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE

MEETING.

ROSTER:

THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED THAT A ROSTER OF THE DBAA VOTING BOARD MEMBERS AND CLUB DIRECTORS BE COMPILED BY THE SECRETARY. THE ROSTER IS TO INCLUDE THE NAMES, ADDRESSES, E-MAILS AND CELL PHONE NUMBERS.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT AS OF TODAY, 5 APRIL 09 THE RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN GOOD. I HAVE HEARD FROM ONLY NINE (9) PEOPLE.....JOSIE

TREASURER'S POSITION:

MARTY STATED THAT BETTER RECORDS SHOULD BE KEPT SO THAT THE INCOMING PERSON WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO. THE OUT-GOING TREASURER SHOULD INFORM THE NEWLY ELECTED TREASURER SO THAT THE NEW TREASURER WILL NOT BE IN THE "DARK" AS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING.

MARTY ALSO STATED THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME POLICIES ESTABLISHED SO THAT WHEN A NEW TREASURER TAKES THIS POSITION HE OR SHE WILL HAVE SOME GUIDE LINES AND PROCEDURES TO GO ON.

ROSWELL TOURNAMENT:

ANOTHER HUGH SUCCESS, THAT IS 817 TABLES. ENOUGH TO ABSORB THE LOSS AT THE TUCKER TOURNAMENT.

ELECTION AT ROSWELL:

BARBARA STATED THAT WERE MANY MANY PROBLEMS! ABSENTEE BALLOTS WERE REALLY AN ISSUE.

BOB WHITE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

IN THE FUTURE, THE ELECTION COULD BE RUN BY A NON DBAA UNIT, MACON WAS MENTION AS AN EXAMPLE.

BOB STATED THAT IT WILL BE UP TO US AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT SUCH A COMMITTEE.

IT WAS DISCUSSED IN LENGTH THAT ELECTIONS IN THE FUTURE SHOULD BE RUN BY DIS-INTERESTED PARTY(IES).

MULTI-LOCATION SECTIONAL:

SUGGESTION THAT A FOUR DAY SECTIONAL BE HELD AT THE FOUR MAJOR BRIDGE CLUBS IN THE DBAA AREA. THE CLUBS ARE RUFF & SLUFF, ALPHARETTA, ROSWELL AND THE ATLANTA DUBLICATE BRIDGE CLUB. ALL FOUR CLUBS MUST AGREE. THERE

MUST BE CONSECUTIVE DATES FOR THE GAME. KO'S BEING HELD AT ONE LOCATION, PAIRS AT ANOTHER OR TWO LOCATIONS AND NOVICE AND INTERMEDIATE GAMES AT ANOTHER. ALL FOUR CLUBS MUST AGREE TO BE CLOSED DURING THIS SECTIONAL WITH A MAJOR PROMOTION OF THE SECTIONAL. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONG THE CLUBS.

- MORE ON THIS ISSUE AT THE NEXT MEETING!

BY-LAWS:

NICHOLAS HAS AGREED TO TAKE THIS TASK ON. ALL CHANGES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

CHANGE OF RANK PARTY:

BILL SUGGESTED THAT THE NAME BE CHANGED. PEOPLE ARE CONFUSED. THE 0-5 AND OTHER SMALL GROUPS LOOK TO BE COMPENSATED FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

COMMITTEES:

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

DICK BROWN-CHAIRMAN—RALPH FOLKERTS, JACK FEAGIN, BOB HELLER

TASK: TO INFORM OUR PLAYERS OF METRO BRIDGE NEWS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES GOING ON IN OUR AREA.

HOSPITALITY:

JOSIE MITCHELL-CHAIRLADY---BARBARA HELLER BILL MARKS
LARRY RICH, DOUG ROBERTS ,
NANCY MOTES

TASK: PREPARE A WELCOM PACKAGE SO THAT WHEN NEW PLAYERS MOVE TO TOWN THEY CAN BE INFORMED ABOUT BRIDGE IN OUR AREA THIS MIGHT COST A FEW DOLLARS

NEWCOMERS AND RECRUITMENT:

DICK BROWNE-CHAIRMAN—BILL MARKS, DOUG ROBERTS, NANCY MOTES

TASK:NURTURE THE CARE AND FEEDING OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE NEWBIES. WORK TOWARD ATTRACTING MORE BRIDGE SOCIAL BRIDGE PLAYERS TO THE ACBL.

PLAYER OUTREACH:

JACK FEAGIN-CHAIRMAN—JOSIE MITCHELL, BOB HELLER, DOUG ROBERTS, KEVIN COLLINS

TASK: THIS COMMITTED WOULD WORK TO BRING BACK TO THE GAME THE SCORES OF PLAYERS WHO USED TO BE REGULARS BUT FOR VARIOUS REASONS NO LONGER PLAY AT OUR CLUBS.

METRO CLUBS:

BARBARA HELLER-CHAIRLADY—BILL MARKS, NANCY MOTES, DAN PAPINEAU, LARRY RICH,
PRISCILLA SMITH

TASK:EMPHASIZE WHAT THE DBAA CAN DO FOR ANY AND ALL CLUBS. (IF WE PUBLISH A NEWSLETTER, THIS COMMITTEE WILL HAVE ADDED IMPORTANCE IN CHANNELING CLUB

INFORMATION TO THE EDITOR). MAKE SURE ALL CLUB MANAGERS ARE INVOLVED.

FINANCE:

RALPH FOLKERTS-CHAIRMAN---MARTY NATHAN, JUDY FENDRICK

TASK: DECIDE WHETHER WE SHOULD HAVE AN ANNUAL BUDGET
DECIDE IF WE SHOULD HAVE OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME
DECIDE IF WE SHOULD GET COMMENSURATE FUNDING IF/
AND WHEN WORTHWHILE PROJECTS COME UP.

COMMITTEE—GROUP II

TOURNAMENTS:

JACK FEAGIN-CHAIRMAN—BOB HELLER

TASK:TACKLE ANY AND ALL ISSUES RELATED TO SECTIONAL
TOURNAMENTS, MID-ATLANTIC LABOR DAY REGIONAL AND
AND THE UPCOMING NABC IN FOUR YEARS. ALSO,
RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS FOR THESE TOURNAMENTS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GAME:

CHAIRMAN: MARTY NATHAN—MILES DUKES, JACK FEAGIN

TASK:MARTY IS CLUB MANAGER. MILES DUKES AS THE
REGULAR DIRECTOR WILL BE ON THE COMMITTEE.
WORK WITH OTHER COMMITTEES AS FINANCES,
PARTIES, PROMOTIONS, FREE PLAYS, ETC
BECOME ISSUES.
THE FULL BOARD WILL BE INVOLVED ONLY IN
POLOCIES OR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

POLOCIES/PROCEDURES:

RALPH FOLDERTS-CHAIRMAN—JOSIE MITCHELL

TASK: MAINTAIN AN UP TO DATE LISTING OF DBAA POLICIES
AND PROCEDURES. FIND OUT THE MOST RECENT
MOTIONS PASSED AND KEEP TRACK OF SUCH.

ELECTIONS:

BOB HELLER—CHAIRMAN—NANCY MOTES, SUSAN WOLFE

TASK: TO PUT TOGETHER A GOOD MODEL FOR UP COMING
ELECTIONS—MAKING SURE THE MISTAKES OF THE
PAST TWO UNIT REP ELECTIONS ARE NOT
REPEATED.

BY-LAWS:

NICHOLAS HAMMOND-CHAIRMAN—BOB HELLER

TASK: TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENTING ANY PROPOSED CHANGES TO EXISTING BY-LAWS AND ACT AS WATCH DOG TO BE SURE THAT WE ALL ARE FOLLOWING THE BY-LAWS THAT ARE NOW IN PLACE.

OTHER BUSINESS:

DBAA VOTING BOARD MEMBERS:

BOB HELLER -----PRESIDENT

BILL MARKS -----VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY -----JOSIE MITCHELL

TREASURER-----MARTY NATHAN

UNIT REPS THRU FEB----BILL MARKS, BARBARA HELLER, DAN
PAPANEAU

UNIT REP THRU 2011----DICK BROWN, JACK FEAGIN, LARRY
RICH, DOUG ROBERTS

ON OUR MAILING LIST AND INVITED TO ALL MEETINGS: RECENT CANDIDATES:
JEVIN COLLINS, SAM MARKS, NANCY MOTES, TAROKH TAEFI

UNIT OFFICERS: NICHOLAS HAMMOND, DICK MEYERS

MAJOR CLUBS WITHOUT BOARD REPRESENTATION: PRISCILLA SMITH

THE BOARD MUST APPROVE ALL COMMITTEES.

THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT THOSE WHO WERE NOT ELECTED IN OUR RECENT ELECTION WILL BE INVITED TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES. (THE PRESIDENT ALSO STATED THAT WE HAD SOME REALLY GOOD CANDIDATES THAT DID NOT GET ELECTED).

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MARTY STATED THAT WE HAD A CD MATURING ON MARCH 10TH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

THE NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 25, 2009

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Josie Mitchell

Josie Mitchell, DBAA Secretary

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