

**Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta**  
**Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes**  
**October 1, 2008**

**Present:** Jack Feagin, Susan Wolfe, Judy Fendrick, Allison Milhem, Barbara Heller, Bob Heller, Ralph Folkerts and Dan Papineau

**Absent:** Dick Browne, Kevin Collins, Marty Nathan and Richard Holland

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Jack Feagin.

**Prior Minutes**

**MOTION:** Allison moved to approve the minutes of the August 28 meeting. *Motion approved.*

**Treasurer's Report**

Our small CD is invested at 2.7% for 12 months. ING has a 3% rate. Bob suggested we research on line to get a better rate.

**Labor Day Regional**

The report from the Labor Day Regional will be final by next month. Each year the DBAA receives \$1,250 from MABC for hosting the regional plus \$.25 per table for the number of tables over 3,000. The check from MABC is expected before Thanksgiving. Judy raised the issue that the \$2,500 allocation for food, beverage and miscellaneous costs for two hospitality suites during the regional appears to be insufficient. Jan is being put in a position of soliciting volunteers to donate food. Jack stated this year's costs exceeded the \$2,500.

**DBAA General Liability Insurance**

Ralph provided an update for the DBAA general liability coverage. The Hartford Insurance policy will provide up to \$2M liability coverage at a \$250 annual premium for the DBAA game, but does not cover sectional tournaments. However, Tom Wight told Ralph that DBAA can get an endorsement for each individual tournament by contacting the insurance company. Ralph volunteered to contact the broker/underwriter as we approach each tournament to determine the cost for coverage at the tournament. Jack stated the ACBL insurance provides liability coverage for the tournament chair and workers.

**ACTION ITEM:** Ralph will get a quote on directors and officers liability coverage, which is not covered under the Hartford policy. Officers are covered under their own homeowner's policies for general liability, but not for negligent acts allegedly committed as an officer.

**DBAA By-Laws**

Susan previously e-mailed the Board the latest revision of the By-Laws and a draft document for Duties and Procedures for the Election Committee. If necessary, we can amend the election procedures at a later date.

**MOTION:** Barbara moved to approve the DBAA By-Laws. Judy seconded. *Motion approved.*

**MOTION:** Judy moved to approve the Duties and Procedures for the Election Committee. *Motion approved.*

**ACTION ITEM:** Susan will send the By-Laws and election procedures to the clubs for posting, and Judy will send to Larry to post on the website.

### **Bridge Classes**

We have the boards needed for the Martin's Landing classes. Jack will get the tables to Dick.

Jack met with the manager of the Senior Citizens Center in Sandy Springs. They are agreeable for us to use their facility for bridge classes, but they are only open on Thursday evenings. Jack suggested a 6:30-8:00 timeframe for the lessons. We may also want to consider daytime classes. They already have rubber bridge games at the center.

Options for advertising the classes would be the Northside Neighbor, DBAA website and maybe other local newspapers.

**MOTION:** Susan moved that DBAA set up classes to begin in January at the Sandy Springs Senior Citizens Center. *Motion approved.*

### **DBAA Website**

Larry has been working on the redesign. Judy will follow-up with him. We would prefer to have the ability to update the site ourselves. Nicolas purchased the domain that we can use: AtlantaBridge.com.

### **Tournaments at Clubs**

Options were discussed. We could set up the tournament to run at multiple club sites. Some people have expressed an interest in this concept. The tournament would be a three-day event. The issue of tournaments at clubs will be voted on at the next Unit meeting in Gainesville.

Jack indicated that DBAA will make the decisions on tournaments held in the DBAA geographic area.

### **DBAA Game – New Year's Eve**

Allison coordinates with Miles on the DBAA game schedule and special games. After discussion of whether to hold a game on New Year's Eve, it was decided to let the Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Club run the game on New Year's Eve.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 5, 2008, 6:15 p.m. at Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Center.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judy Fendrick*

Judy Fendrick, Secretary

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