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

Items headlined in blue need future discussion and follow up.

1. Minutes: September 2005 minutes were approved with changes to Lecture Series start date.
2. Financial: Treasury reports for March, April and May 2005 were submitted and approved.
3. Old Business:

Atlanta Sectional Future: The proposal for the November 2006 Sectional at the Hilton Hotel is not acceptable for us as it is too expensive. Jack revisited the possibility of the Ravinia Hotel hosting future sectionals. They have suggested the 1st week in December and it may work well for us too. Details are in discussion. Other options suggested for hosting future sectionals were the Lake Lanier Hotels or maybe CallowayGardens. Both locations have hosted sectionals in the past. Beatrice commented that she attempted to make a hotel reservation under the 'bridge' rate at the Hilton for Wednesday night of this coming November Sectional and was told there are no rooms available.

Housing for Tables: A lengthy discussion continued on 1) getting 100 tables back from Spartanburg, 2) cost of transporting them back and forth each time from Spartanburg with the increase in gasoline costs now, 3) have one or more people involved in the transportation of the tables and 4) find a fair rate to cover cost of moving tables. Jack will follow up with Bill Cunningham on moving the tables and all were grateful for Marty's suggestion of housing the tables in his basement. Some one suggested Aaron Rents as an option for moving the tables.

Lecture Series: DBAA sponsored lecture series for the advancing bridge players in the greater Atlanta area will begin October 19. Each lecture series will be hosted by a volunteer and will be promoted through emails, word of mouth, and at the DBAA web site.

Phone Book: A lengthy discussion was held on the need to develop a revised and updated Telephone Directory sponsored by the DBAA listing names and phone numbers of bridge players who reside within the DBAA area and who frequently play within the greater Atlanta area. The purpose, of course, is to have current names and phone numbers for people to contact each other and further promote bridge playing within the greater Atlanta area. Due to the every changing aspect, no emails will be included in the book. It was suggested that area Clubs ask their bridge members to update their addresses and also have a sign up sheet for inclusion of new members not currently listed. Contact with ACBL may produce a list of bridge players who live within the area and are current with their dues. Everyone is encouraged to suggest printers who might help with the cost of printing. Jan Ward has offered to oversee the development of the Phone Book Project and will report back to the board.

CollegeAgeGroupBridge Players: Marty Nathan is inquiring with ACBL to receive reports on this program. Jack and Marty will meet to discuss further endeavors to expand bridge into this area of possible bridge players and report back to the board.

4. New Business:

Alpharetta Mentoring Program: Motion was made by Carolyn Eckert, 2nd by Jan Ward and approve by the board to support the mentoring proposal submitted by the Alpharetta Bridge Club for \$151.50 which is within the guidelines of funding at 25% of acceptable costs. (See enclosed proposal attached.) It was noted that Nancy Hetsko has been diligent in furnishing a completed report of the outcome of her proposals previously funded by DBAA,

Patty Tucker's Bridge Lessons for Kids: Patty announced that she is setting up FREE bridge lessons and play sessions for youngsters one Saturday morning each month from 10:00 -11:45 beginning in December. Patty will donate her time and Dan Plato will donate his facility. A motion was presented, seconded and approved by the DBAA board to provide Patty 25% of her advertising and material costs not to exceed \$150.

Liability Insurance: Marty Nathan brought up the area of liability insurance for officers of the DBAA. Jack has some history on liability insurance which he shared with the board. Marty and Jack will pursue further discussion of this area and report back to the board.

Meeting adjourned 7:30PM. **Nextmeeting: Wednesday, November 2nd, 2005 @ 6:15pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Eckert

Carolyn Eckert, Secretary

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October 3, 2005

The Alpharetta Duplicate Bridge Club requests assistance from the DBAA in funding our mentoring program.

We have had a mentoring program in place for over 2 years, but we now need to do some revamping, revitalizing and republicizing of the program, especially since some of the other bridge clubs in the area are giving freeplays to all mentors or in one case having the "mentee" pay the mentor's entry in addition to giving the mentor a freeplay.

Description of Alpharetta's Mentoring Program: Our program has 2 levels. The regular level matches a non-life master up with a Life Master, while the "mini-mentoring" level matches players with under 50 points with players who have 200 to 500 points. In both levels, the mentoring pairs agree to play together at least twice a month for a three-month period. The regular mentoring level can have their sessions during any of our 6 weekly open games while the "mini-mentoring" can have their sessions during either of our 2 weekly 499er games. We will provide each mentoring pair with written guidelines to help ensure that everyone benefits from the program as much as possible, and we will request that each pair complete a brief description of their goals for the mentoring sessions plus a feedback form at the end of the quarter. We will match up people who sign up for the program, but will also allow people to arrange their own mentoring partnerships. We will track the participation of the mentoring pairs throughout the quarter. At the end of the quarter we will have a mentoring party (with refreshments provided by the bridge club) during one of our games and will award prizes (Alpharetta Bridge Club mug plus 1 freeplay) to all mentors who met or exceeded the requirements of the program, plus prizes (mugs) to some of the "mentees" for various "achievements". We plan to publicize the program by printing up and mailing flyers to approximately 300 ACBL members in our geographic area, displaying flyers at the club and sending emails to players in our area.

Estimated Costs:

\$120.00	Paper and printing (flyers, guidelines for participants, goal sheets and sign-up forms)
\$111.00	Postage to mail flyers
\$160.00	Alpharetta Bridge Club mugs (50 at \$2.79 each plus tax & S/H)
\$ 75.00	Refreshments for quarter-end mentoring program
<u>\$140.00</u>	Free plays - 1 per mentor at conclusion of quarter (est. 35 @ \$4 each)

\$606.00 Estimated total cost

Per the DBAA's stated policy regarding mentoring programs, we request funding for 25% of total estimated costs, or \$151.50.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please feel free to contact me at 678-361-5198.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Nancy Hetsko
Alpharetta Duplicate Bridge Club

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