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President Jack Feagin called the meeting to order. Present: Jack Feagin, Josie Mitchell, Kevin Collins, Jan Word, Nicolas Hammond, Beatrice Kemp and Carolyn Eckert.

Items headlined in blue need future discussion and follow up.

1. Minutes: July 5th, 2006 minutes were approved.

2. Financial: May & June 2006 reports approved.

DBAA Table Count: Bill provided Income/Expenses report on table count for 2004=628; table count for 2005=585. A decrease from 2004 to 2005. Avg table count per week=13. June count is up by 10. Aging of bridge player's population may account for table decrease. Friday night game is stronger game than Wed.

Several options were discussed for increasing players for Wed night game which included: 1. Individual to solicit greater interest in the game. 2. ½ off coupon given out at Regional for jump kick. 3. Special games/month such as lesson series and advertise at Regional. 4. Come up with incentives by Regional
5. Partnership chairperson to find partners for players 6. Guaranteed partners.

3. Special Games:

4. Old Business:

DBAA Director: The minutes will reflect that is best if we have a non-playing director so as to avoid unusual movements. Director should not turn away any newcomers but the director should not have to play with a bridge player who consistently appears each week without a partner in hopes of playing with the director.

AARP Game: posters are printed and distributed. Receiving calls; obtaining a mailing list to send out notice and will send notice to newspapers. Costs \$1063 with \$750 reimbursement from ACBL. Total costs \$260 to DBAA.

5. New Business:

Atlanta Junior Bridge Proposal: Patty Tucker will present a proposal to the ACBL Education Foundation at the Nationals in Hawaii in Nov. Patty has received favorable responses from the initial discussions with ACBL Ed Found if we show outside additional funding support. The proposal will show costs associated with our 2006 summer camp programs which will guide us for costs for the 2007 program. There were 153 kids attending the 11 summer camps with 61% of the students continuing with other bridge lessons. There is less retention rate for fall in-school class programs.

Motion: DBAA will provide \$250 per four month period as one of the additional funding sources for the proposal to ACBL Ed Found. Beatrice Kemp 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

College Program: DBAA would like to promote bridge within colleges by providing tutoring/coaching and help with any fees at tournaments or expenses if they achieve the competitive status.

Meeting adjourned 7:30PM. **Next meeting: Wednesday September 6th, 2006 @ 6:15pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Eckert

Carolyn Eckert, Secretary

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