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**DBAA/Unit 253 Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 20 - 9:30-11:30 am, Bridge Club of Atlanta**

**Present:**

**Officers:** Marty Nathan, Judy Fendrick, George Powell, Jan Noll  
**Unit Reps:** Roz Howell, Joan Duffy, Janice Ripley, Dick Myers, Becky Butler  
**Guests:** Ron Torre, Joe Sherwood, Rob Epstein  
**Absent:** Josie Mitchell, Jack Feagin

Meeting was called to order at 9:30.

**Prior Meeting Minutes** - *The minutes of the January 9, 2016, Board Meeting, sent to the Board on 1/10/16, were **approved**.* Announcement of the Annual Meeting was sent to the clubs in accordance with our bylaws on January 18.

**Treasurer's Report** – George provided the Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting. There are some minor corrections required. *The report was **approved as amended**.*

**President's Message** – Marty advised there would be no election at the February tournament. Marty thanked George, Judy and Vicki for their years of service. Pete Martin will be assuming position of Treasurer and Rob Epstein Vice-President. Allison Milhelm will be fill the vacant board position. New Officers and Board assume responsibility following the Annual Meeting. Marty has identified three projects for 2016 – directory publication, policies and procedures (Marty will take responsibility for this), and membership retention (40% who join don't renew for a second year). Patty Tucker is working on membership growth at District level.

**Committee Reports**

- **New Appointments** – nothing to report
- **District 7 Report** – Joe Sherwood brought a report on the District 7 meeting. Judy provided information on the Myrtle Beach District meeting.
- **Change of Rank** – Becky Butler reported that the schedule for the change of rank recognition games was in the newsletter for March. There will be more costs associated with this program because of new rank categories added by the ACBL.
- **Directory** – Rob and Judy did research on vendors and will add Pianola to the ones already being reviewed. We will need someone to take charge of this once we have decided the methodology/technology.
- **Education** – nothing to report
- **Elections** – Marty announced no elections to be held this year.

- **Finance** – Bob Fendrick has prepared a proposal. He will review with Marty prior to presentation to the Board.
- **GNT/NAP** - position is vacant
- **Goodwill (D7)** – refer to New Business
- **Hall of Fame** – Policies and procedures need to be approved as submitted by Mike Sheldon and his committee.

*Motion was made to approve the policies and procedures as currently proposed and was **approved**.*

- **Membership** - nothing to report
- **NABC** – Judy Fendrick gave update on NABC. Logo “I do declare” has been approved by the ACBL; work is currently underway on the logo; Judy and Joe are finalizing committee chairs.
- **Newsletter** – good response to the last newsletter
- **Special Games** – nothing to report
- **Sportsperson of the Year** – nothing to report
- **Tournament Committee** – nothing to report
- **Tournaments** - Ron Torre - coupons will be handed out with every entry to offset cost of lunches for which there will be a charge for the first time
- **Trophies** – Roz brought the trophies for Roswell tournament.
- **Web Site** – nothing to report
- **Youth Bridge** – nothing to report

#### **Old Business**

- **Trophies** – Roz proposed buying new plaques with graphics and brass plates – cost is approximately \$300 for each plaque. We will need to purchase a total of 8, 6 for each of the tournament trophy event, one for Sportsperson of the Year and one for Hall of Fame. Consensus was reached that tournament trophies would be titled Atlanta Championship + name of event (for example, Atlanta Championship Open Swiss).
- **Learn Bridge in a Day? August results** – nothing to report

- **Investment Policy** – policy will be provided to Marty for review
- **Hall of Fame Policies and Procedure** – see above under committee reports

### **New Business**

**Selection of D7 Goodwill Committee new members** – Judy Fendrick reviewed policies and procedure. Nominees were presented prior to the meeting. Voting took place by secret ballot. New members of the Goodwill Committee - Janice Ripley and Helen Browdy – were selected to represent Unit 253 in the District 7 Goodwill Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Next meeting (April 9)/adjourn – Marty Nathan