

Approved

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

Present:

Officers: Marty Nathan, Rob Epstein, Pete Martin

Unit Reps: Joan Duffy, Janice Ripley, Dick Myers, Becky Butler, Jack Feagin, Josie Mitchell

Guests: Ron Torre, Judy Fendrick

Absent: Jan Noll, Allison Milhem, Roz Howell

The meeting was called to order at 9:35.

Rob took the minutes in Jan's absence.

Prior Meeting Minutes - *The minutes of the February 20, 2016, Board Meeting and the minutes of the February 28, 2016 Annual Meeting, sent on 3/14/16, were **approved**.*

Treasurer's Report – Pete provided the Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting. *The report was **approved**.*

President's Message Marty welcomed Allison, Pete and Rob to the Board.

Because Jack had to leave early, he was allowed to go first and offered the following motion:

*A motion was made to Increase sectional fees from \$10 to \$11 to cover rising expenses and was **approved**.*

Marty is working on a "procedures manual". He will include a guideline to define "Charitable Giving" and how it needs to relate to promoting bridge.

Committee Reports

- **New Appointments** – Rob will be managing the creation of the new directory.
- **District 7 Report** – nothing to report
- **Change of Rank** – Becky Butler reported there was a strong turnout.
- **Directory** – See below under Website.
- **Education** – Janice Ripley/Joan Duffy stated that the mentoring program has gone out to all clubs. The major change from last year is that there will be no free plays in conjunction with the mentoring program other than the free play for the mentoring session itself.

- **Elections** – nothing to report
- **Finance** – nothing to report
- **GNT/NAP - Vacant**
- **Goodwill (D7)** – Nothing to report
- **Hall of Fame** – nothing to report
- **Membership** – nothing to report
- **NABC** - nothing to report
- **Newsletter** – Next newsletter will be published around 5/1. There was discussion regarding moving the newsletter to Pianola with no objections.
- **Special Games** – nothing to report
- **Sportsperson of the Year** – nothing to report
- **Tournament Committee** – nothing to report
- **Tournaments** - nothing to report
- **Trophies** – nothing to report
- **Web Site** – Judy and Rob discussed the research of both Bridge Web and Pianola. They gave an explanation as to their choice of Pianola as preferred selection.

*A motion was made to hire Pianola as the DBAA vendor for the directory and web site and was **approved**.*

Allison will be responsible for web content, Rob will do the implementation. The web will go up first. Phase 1 will be the migration of the web and building the directory, with a game results feature to be added in phase 2.

- **Youth Bridge** – nothing to report
- **Old Business**

No old business was discussed other than the directory outlined above.

- **New Business**
 - Request for computers by District 7 – one pc will be utilized by the Treasurer, making 2 available.

*A motion was made that The DBAA shall donate two of the three ASIS computers it currently owns to District 7 and was **tabled**.*

- Trophy funding proposal

*A motion was made to provide up to \$1500 to buy trophies and was **approved**.*

- Special Game for Spina Bifida Benefit

*A motion was made The DBAA/Unit 253 and **approved** allowing Committee Chairs Janet Edwards and Brenda Shavin to hold a fundraising game on Sunday, May 15, 2016 for the benefit of The Center for Spina Bifida Prevention at the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University*

*A motion was made to contribute \$250. to the Spina Bifida Benefit and was **approved**.*

- Next meeting (May 21)/adjourn – Marty Nathan