

Approved

**Unit 253 – DBAA Board of Directors Meeting
August 22, 2015 – 9:30-11:30 – Bridge Club of Atlanta**

Present:

Officers: Marty Nathan, Judy Fendrick, George Powell, Jan Noll

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

Guests: Bob Fendrick, Chris, Moll, Joe Sherwood, Diane Strickland, Ron Torre, Patty Tucker, Bev Wilkinson

Absent: Vicki Bell

Prior Meeting Minutes – The minutes of the June 20, 2015 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report – George presented the Treasurer’s report and a motion regarding opening of Fidelity account(s), which was approved.

*Motion that the Treasurer is authorized to open custody account(s) with Fidelity Investments to invest the excess funds of the DBAA and any assets allocated to future National Bridge Tournaments. **Approved.***

President’s Message

- **Unit 253 Incorporation and By-Laws** – Marty discussed the latest developments. Originally, the plan was to form a new corporation. Decision has now been made to make the DBAA the new Unit 253. Two versions of the proposed by-laws were sent to the board prior to the meeting, one a “redline” showing the changes from the version sent out in April and the other showing the by-laws without the changes marked. A motion is before the Board for a special membership meeting to approve by-laws, as required, to be held prior to the first session on Sunday of the Roswell November tournament. Notice of the Special Meeting must be sent to the clubs and posted 45 days prior to the Special Meeting (must be physically posted at the DBAA game). There was discussion as to the best time for the meeting; because of multiple locations except on Sunday, it was felt Sunday was the best day for the meeting.

*The Board approves holding a special membership meeting at the Roswell Sectional at 9:45 am on Sunday, November 15, 2015, for the sole purpose of approving the proposed bylaws submitted by the Board of Directors per the attached “Call for Special Meeting of the Membership to Approve New Bylaws”. **Approved.***

- **Executed Agreement between ACBL Unit 114 and ACBL Unit 253** – Marty proposed the following motion:

*The executed copy of “agreement to Divide Assets between ACBL Unit 114 and ACBL Unit 253”, the substance of which has previously been approved by this board, is attached to these minutes. **Approved.***



114-253 agreement,
executed (1).pdf

- **New Appointments** – Marty addressed the following motions regarding new appointments:

*Dan Osburn is appointed as NAP/GNT Coordinator for Unit 253. **Approved.***

*Becky Butler is appointed as Chairperson for Change of Rank. **Approved.***

*Sara Medlin and Jim Stogner are appointed as members of the Hall of Fame Committee. **Approved.***

Committee Reports

- **District 7** – Judy Fendrick suggested that the minutes from the District 7 meetings should be sent to all for review. There is a new District 7 website. At the Atlanta Regional, there will be a vote on changes to Tournament Policies and Procedures, as well as other important issues. Joe Sherwood recommended that all District 7 Reps should attend on Saturday morning at 9:00 (need to advise Barbara if you will be attending). Marty recommended getting a proxy if the Rep is unable to attend. The ACBL recently passed a motion that they would pay for the GNT entry fee for 2 days for all teams except for the Open flight winners. Jack made a motion for District 7 to pay the entry fee (\$160) for the GNT Open Flight winners, which was approved.
- **Change of Rank** – Becky Butler, nothing to report
- **Directory** – Marty reported for Garry. There is one thing remaining to be done which has delayed process. We will probably have to do print and online directories separately. Jack expressed concern over delay and said he would speak with Garry. Marty said he would discuss with Vicki how to get this moving forward.
Action Item – Marty will speak with Vicki and Jack with Garry.
- **Education** – Janice Ripley reported that they are working on cleaning up the list of teachers. Marty discussed the need to remind teachers of the free play policy. Patty suggested putting a suggestion box in clubs, asking for ideas as to what players want from Education Committee.
- **Elections** – nothing to report.
- **Finance** – Bob Fendrick advised that the investment committee needs guidance as to risk tolerance (% of funds for which we want zero risk, some risk, etc.) and dates funds will be needed. Bob also indicated he will need expected operating budgets. The following motion was proposed:

*The Finance Committee shall propose an investment policy for the DBAA for Board approval. The primary goal of the policy shall be preservation of capital. The committee shall consider the particular needs of funds set aside for future NABC's. **Approved.***

- **GNT/NAP** – We will be hosting Level C NAP at Roswell Sectional.
- **Goodwill (D7)** - nothing to report
- **Hall of Fame** – nothing to report
- **Membership** – Bev Wilkinson needs an up-to-date listing of teachers to include with mailing which will include a cover letter, free play, a list of limited games and a list of clubs. Roz suggested we might want to include a list of Board Members with pictures. The following motion was considered:

*The Membership Committee shall send a welcome kit to new members and appropriate transfers into Unit 253. The welcome kit shall include but is not limited to one free play at participating Unit 253 clubs, for which the Unit shall reimburse the club, and a list of all clubs in the area. The Committee shall prepare written procedures to document the materials to be sent and methods of doing so. **Approved.***

Action Item: Janice will provide Bev with teacher listing.

- **NABC** – Judy Fendrick advised they are working on logo and slogan (Becky is chair for that committee), and she and Joe are in the process of discussing committee chairs.
- **Newsletter** - Diane Strickland reported that 47% of those receiving email on newsletter actually open the email, 38% use the link to go to the newsletter. Approximately 1700 members are sent the email. Marty pointed out the need for people to meet the deadline so the newsletter can go out on time.
- **Special Games** – As a new unit, we allow the clubs to run 24 unit championships and 4-5 fund games; Vicki put the information together for clubs on this issue on a timely basis.
- **Tournaments/Trophies** – Jack Feagin reported we made a decent profit at Ravinia, but we do have issues for 2016. The Crowne Plaza will not have dates available. We will use Roswell for February. July 4th tournament dates cannot be changed, and we will have to find another location. Roz asked what would be involved in reprinting fliers for upcoming Roswell tournament to correct errors. 2000 were printed for \$266. It was agreed that reprinting should be done. Becky indicated she is looking for volunteers for the Hospitality Suite either to host or to make desserts. The Suite will be open after the evening session but those volunteering at the tournament are welcome to come by between the afternoon and evening sessions. Vicki is working on providing more information for tournament players. Lecture programs are being expanded. Chris Moll pointed out that there will be new signage for events.
- **Website** – Allison has done an excellent job in getting information updated on the website. Patty raised an issue that her students have had in Googling the DBAA website.
- **Youth Bridge** – Patty reported that summer camps have concluded and they are getting ready for fall. For Youth Bridge at the tournament, she needs help from 9:30-10:30 to greet parents and help get the players started.

Trophies - Roz Howell – nothing to report.

Old Business – Segregation of NABC Funds

Motion proposed regarding segregation of funds and maintaining a separate account. Jack raised the issue that until we hear from the investment committee it is premature to decide how to segregate the funds. George believes separate accounts cause additional issues. There was lengthy discussion on this subject. Some recommended tabling the motion, but that was voted down. It was agreed to only vote on the portion of the motion pertaining to designating funds for the Nationals.

*The Board hereby approves that the \$115,414.29 received in the split of Unit 114 assets, which that unit had called Nationals Funds, is hereby designated as “NABC Funds” within Unit 253.
Approved.*

DBAA Wednesday Night Game – George Powell – nothing to report.

Learn Bridge in a Day – Registrations are slow. Jack has not heard anything about the grant, but Whirlwind Bridge will help with financial issues should grant not be approved. The Unit and District both have money in program. Jack is looking for help from active bridge players in recruiting participants.

New Business – Free Plays to Unit 253 Members

The following motion was proposed:

*The DBAA will reimburse the are clubs for free plays issued to Unit 253 members by Unit 114 prior to April 1, 2015 under Unit 114's New Member Program to the extent that Unit 114 refuses to reimburse the club. **Approved.***

Discussion with Chris Moll – Marty asked if all had received their ballot for upcoming District election and advised how to handle, if not received. Chris sent a package with his qualifications and feels all running are qualified. He has a different view as to how the District should be run. He does not feel the financial dealings of the ACBL are being handled appropriately. District directors should be managing bridge, not the districts. He does not feel the District Director should be a voting member of the District Board. He feels he should represent the District opinion, not make it. Information needs to be exchanged in Unit meetings by District Directors and believes he should attend some unit board meetings. Judy asked Chris what the biggest problem of the ACBL board is now. Chris stated that they don't handle logistics well. Jack asked whether the structure of the ACBL board should be changed. Chris said it needed a major overhaul. Jack asked where he stood on board meetings at Nationals; Chris replied that some should be at Nationals, not all.

Next DBAA Meeting: Saturday, October 3, 9:30 am at BCA

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Noll