

Approved
Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta
Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: August 17, 2013 / 9:30-11:30 am

Location: Bridge Club of Atlanta

Present: Marty Nathan, George Powell, Judy Fendrick, Jack Feagin, Mary Ann Oakley, Vicki Bell, Joan Sheldon, Patty Tucker, Dick Myers, Betty Myers, Roz Howell and Jan Noll

Absent: Larry Rich, Allison Milhem and Bob Jones

Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Judy Fendrick

Roz moved to approve the minutes of the June 29 meeting. *Motion approved.*

The DBAA procedure is that we will post the Draft version of the minutes to the DBAA website, and then substitute the Approved version after approval at the next meeting.

Treasurer’s Report – George Powell

George presented the Balance Sheet as of June 30 and P&L Statement for the quarter ending June 30. The net assets as of June 30 are \$65,281. The net loss for the second quarter was \$2,638, based on the following transactions:

Net tournament revenue	\$4,172
Net Wednesday night game	307
DBAA administrative expenses	(288)
Grants – AJB and Whirlwind Bridge	(5,000)
Change of Rank parties	(1,787)
Mentoring free plays	<u>(42)</u>
Net loss	<u>(\$2,638)</u>

The net profit from the NLM tournament at Ruff n Sluff in July was \$544.38. One-half of this amount will be transferred to the Tournament Reserve Fund. The renewal premium for the Board’s Business Owner’s insurance policy with Hartford is scheduled for payment by August 30.

George requested the board’s authorization to open an account with Fidelity Investments to consolidate the CDs in one place. This will simplify the paperwork necessary to modify the CDs as money is reinvested and reduce the number of institutions we deal with. The Fidelity CDs are brokerage CDs that are FDIC insured up to the current limit of \$250,000. With the way DBAA “ladders” its CDs, we can maximize our investment yields. George presented a full written summary of the Fidelity request, including a proposed ladder plan.

Vicki moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Roz seconded. *Motion approved.*

Roz moved to approve George’s request to open an account with Fidelity with the purpose of investing in brokerage CDs. Dick seconded. *Motion approved.*

Election Committee's Report – Joan Sheldon

Joan provided an updated version of the Election P&P prior to the meeting which included suggested changes from Marty. Dick and others had some minor corrections.

Vicki suggested we have on-line voting. It was noted that an implementation plan for on-line voting is needed. Therefore, until further review and plans are in place, the P&P will not include language for on-line voting.

A question was raised as to the DBAA area being revised now that the Unit 114 removed Clayton County from the Metro Atlanta area. Marty did not think the change to Metro Atlanta requires an automatic change to DBAA's area. Dick pointed out that the DBAA By-Laws provide:

“The geographical area of the DBAA's operation is assigned to it by the Board of Directors of Georgia State Unit 114 and may be modified from time to time.”

The wording of this by-law does not explicitly provide that the DBAA area is equal to the Metro Atlanta area. The subject of DBAA's geographic area was tabled for discussion at a later date.

Roz stated it is an abomination to include a guideline that club managers are prohibited from endorsing a candidate. Joan pointed out that club managers have a lot of influence on bridge players' decisions, and Marty added that it is a conflict of interest to hold an election in a club in which the club manager has endorsed a particular candidate. For these reasons, the committee's recommendation for the content of Appendix E is accepted.

George moved to approve the Election P&P. *Motion approved.*

Action Item: Joan will update the Election P&P for these changes and send to Mary Ann. Mary Ann will then send to Betty for posting on the DBAA website.

Atlanta Junior Bridge – Patty Tucker

Patty reported that the new, expanded AJB board held a meeting. There are two new people on the board.

43 of the AJB players played at the Youth NABC. Murphy Green, Andrew and Richard Jeng and Burke Snowden won the Youth Swiss Team event.

The After School Alliance will not begin until January.

A “Learn Bridge in a Day” seminar will be held on September 7 on behalf of AJB. The LBIAD sessions at the NABC had good attendance, with 75 on Tuesday and 128 on Sunday.

Action Item: Patty has approximately 150 names and e-mails of the attendees and will provide these to Judy for distribution to clubs and Jan for distribution to bridge teachers.

ACBL has provided a grant for LBIAD to subsidize the cost to recruit teachers to make this a nationwide program. ACBL will have an on-line application for anyone who wants to organize a LBIAD program. It will require a lot of work and volunteers.

Patty and the Jeng brothers were interviewed during the Youth NABC by a reporter from WABE radio (90.1), Atlanta's NPR station. The broadcast was aired on Friday August 16.

<http://wabe.org/post/bridging-generation-gap-some-kids-turn-card-game>

NABC Update – Jack Feagin

Jack reported that the NABC planning committee did a great job, and he was pleased with the efforts of the committee chairs. He thinks the starting times for NABC events will always be a controversy. The nightly entertainment was not well attended; people played at the 7:30 games more than expected. The hotel did a superb job, and many players expressed how much they enjoyed the tournament.

The committee is planning a party for the volunteer workers for sometime in September.

Jack is in favor of Atlanta having another NABC, but is concerned that ACBL will make decisions for a future NABC without input from the local planning committee, and has expressed to ACBL that we may not be willing to do another NABC if we are forced to have 1:00 and 7:30 start times for NABC events. He asked if it would be acceptable to send a letter to ACBL to let them know that before they sign a deal for the next NABC, the local committee co-chairs should be consulted as to significant issues, such as venue and start times. There was agreement that we should send the letter, and that it should be a standard policy for ACBL to work with the locals on the important decisions. District 7 is delegated as the tournament host by ACBL, and the District delegates authority to the local planning committee. It was suggested that we send a unified message from District 7 and the local planning committee. Patty moved that a letter be drafted. Judy seconded. *Motion approved.*

Action Item: Judy will draft the letter and send to Marty, Dick and Jack for review.

On-Line Directory – Marty Nathan

The on-line directory committee now consists of Dick (as chair) and Marty. Eva will no longer be available to work on the directory.

DBAA Newsletter – Mary Ann Oakley

Mary Ann reported that two newsletters were published in late July. There have been some formatting problems using Constant Contact, and other options are being explored. The next newsletter will be published in late October; submissions are due by October 10. Jan Noll sent out a request to teachers for interesting bridge hands.

Tournaments – Dick Myers

Dick reported there will be a delay in scheduling the July, 2014 tournament due to ongoing discussions with the Crowne Plaza. They have availability in the latter part of June. Our tournaments do not sell a lot of rooms. We can leverage this with the hotel by paying more in rent and probably get them to agree with our terms.

Action Item: Jack will talk further with the Crowne Plaza about the rooms.

Patty stated that ACBL is interested in bringing a Social Bridge Game to the 2014 Labor Day Regional, and she will pursue this further with them.

Sportsperson of the Year – Roz Howell

As Unit 114 Secretary, Roz is leading the effort to get nominations for candidates for the Unit 114 Sportsperson of the year. She sent out e-mail reminders, along with the criteria for the nominees. To send nominations to Roz, please e-mail her at rozrhowell@gmail.com.

Miscellaneous Items

First Alternate District Director - The on-line voting for District 7 First Alternate District Director is now in process. Board members should have received an e-mail to vote.

Next Unit 114 Meeting – The next Unit 114 meeting will be in Macon on Saturday September 7. One of the issues to be discussed and voted on will be the Unit committee's recommendation for Unit 114 redistricting and the formula to provide Unit representatives from each Area. All Metro Atlanta reps are encouraged to attend or provide a proxy to someone to vote on important issues at this meeting.

DBAA Website – Joan, representing the Election Committee, suggested that the DBAA website be changed to something other than www.whidco.com. We discussed that Nicolas Hammond set up a domain for DBAA in 2007: www.atlantabridge.org which points to the DBAA's site.

Next DBAA Meeting: October, TBD.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Fendrick, Secretary