

Dallas Bridge Association
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors on January 12, 2010

The meeting was held at the home of Jim Bauer. Members present were Jim Bauer, Steve Birnbaum, Carolyn Bradford, Bob Butterfield, Tomi Fitzgerald, David Greims, Jim Harp, Charles Price, and Executive Secretary Lynne Wood. Doug Tucker was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Bauer.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as written.

The monthly financial reports showed cash balances of \$3,345 in the primary checking account, \$ 28,199 in the Fidelity account, and \$ 26, 501 in CD's at Viewpoint Bank.

A discussion concerning differences between budgeted and actual numbers for 2009 was held. The negative income of \$ 13,348 for the year was primarily due to the lack of a Regional Tournament, publication of the Unit Directory, and prepaid expenses required for the January tournament. Jim Harp will review the 2010 budget in light of these results. Lynne Wood will contact ACBL to find out how the ACBL reimbursements are calculated.

Jim Bauer reported that he reached an agreement with Ira Hessel that all Unit 176 Scorecard bills will be initially paid by the unit. Club owners or others who place ads will reimburse the unit.

Steve Birnbaum reported that the unit membership remained at 1,401.

David Greims will talk with Tom Hughes to see if it would be advantageous to both the Fort Worth and Dallas units to coordinate purchasing of new tables.

Carolyn Bradford led a discussion about Board visits to the clubs. It was decided to set a schedule for the visits with the new Board in April.

Charles Price reported on a meeting with club owners Donna Compton, Gerrie Owen, and Dorsey Shaw. An agreement was reached to restructure the unit games with modifications in the stratifications, with an additional

game at the Bridge Academy of North Dallas, and an increase in pricing. A unit subsidy for each player was also included. The agreement was discussed at length. Board members were generally in favor of having a third location and different stratifications. However, concerns were expressed about the proposed unit subsidies of \$ 3,000 to \$ 4,000 per year and the increase in the entry fees. Charles Price will meet with the club owners again to find a solution that meets these concerns.

Bob Butterfield reported that the Tournament Committee discussed the details of the March tournament with Donna Compton. The only issue that remains a potential problem is the timing of table set-up to be completed in time for the 9:30 AM session on the first day. The Tournament Committee is in the process of setting dates for the 2011 tournaments in order to finalize contracts with Richardson Civic Center. Charles Price will check with Tom Whitesides on the tentative dates reserved.

Tomi Fitzgerald reported that the Mini-Mac awards do not include points awarded for participation in the team unit games. The awards will be more correctly named the Mini-Mac Pair awards.

Jim Bauer met with Kate McBride and Donna Leach at the Richardson Civic Center to discuss the invoicing and payment structure for sectional tournaments.

The following points were agreed to:

- 1. The contracts will not be modified but Kate will revise her invoicing procedures so that we will be invoiced for 1/2 of the rental payment 60 days prior to the event and then pay the other 1/2 at the time of the event;*
- 2. Regarding the \$4500 that we were invoiced for and paid in November 2009, \$2250 will apply to the upcoming January sectional and \$2250 will apply to the March sectional. During the January 21-24, 2010 tournament we will pay RCC \$2250 to complete the rental payment for January 2010. During the March 4-7, 2010 tournament we pay RCC \$2250 to complete the rental payment for March 2010.*
- 3. By March 28, 2010 we will be invoiced for and pay \$3,450 for the May 27-31, 2010 tournament and pay the remaining \$3450 during the May tournament.*
- 4. By September 5, 2010 we will be invoiced for and pay \$2250 for the November 4-7, 2010 tournament and pay the remaining \$2250 during the November tournament.*

Jim also reported that the Civic Center leasing rates will increase in 2011, but not drastically. It is important to sign 2011 contracts as soon as possible.

Volunteers to take votes at the Election Sectional were scheduled. The ballot box will be secured in the locked trailer between voting times. Also, Board members not running for re-election will count votes.

Tomi Fitzgerald reported that the Appreciation Dinner is tentatively scheduled for February 8 at Maggiano's at Northpark, with Maggiano's in Plano as a backup. Invitations will be sent this week. Board members were asked to email Jim Bauer the names of people who have worked for the unit that they would like to have invited.

Charles Price led a discussion on Board reimbursements to NAP winners who qualify for and compete in the Nationals. It is District 16 policy to subsidize players in A, B, and C stratifications. After discussion, the Board voted to subsidize winners in all three stratifications. The Board will pay \$ 250 to each player that the District 16 subsidizes.

The February unit game this year conflicts with the Grapevine tournament. It was decided to cancel the February unit game in support of the tournament.

Steve Birnbaum asked that the Board reconsider sharing its email list with the clubs in the unit. Most of these addresses may be obtained by club owners from the ACBL. After discussion, it was decided to share the unit list to clubs with a request that the list not be sold.

David Greims reminded Board members that additional tables and bid boxes will be needed for the Labor Day Regional.

Jim Bauer requested information on the GNT unit final sanctions and noted that NAP unit final dates need to be determined. Lynne Wood will send Jim the GNT sanction information.

Bob Butterfield reported that Non-Life Master Tournaments have not yet been scheduled by the clubs.

Board members expressed their appreciation to Jim Bauer for his fine leadership and work as president of the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held at Maggiano's prior to the Appreciation Dinner on February 8.