

**Dallas Bridge Association**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting October 12, 2009**

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

Jim Bauer called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

The monthly financial reports were discussed, i.e. expenditures and balances.

Per September's discussion, Lynne Wood checked on moving the money market account, but it was decided the rate did not warrant the move. The CD percentages should be looked at again for the April, 2010 meeting. No changes are recommended at this time. Lynne suggested via email that if operating funds are needed, money be transferred from the Fidelity Money Market account to Bank of America.

Steve Birnbaum reported 1393 members.

There was no Education report from Carolyn Bradford.

The Unit Pairs Game for 2010 will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. This change is necessary due to several conflicts on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Easter, July 4, etc. Posters will be made for all Clubs and Steve will put a reminder in the monthly letter.

The master point total in the latest Bridge Bulletin will determine where a player should play in the Unit Pairs Game, i.e. 0-499 – Dorsey's; 500-no limit – Valley View.

The January 2010 Sectional Tournament schedule and budget were discussed. There were 3 changes approved. The evening sessions will now start at 7:00 pm. Sunday Swiss entry fee will be \$96.00 for a team of four. Pair games stratification will be based on averaging of the 2 players

masterpoints. This means an A player could play in B. However any player over 500 points cannot play in 0-499. Bob was waiting to hear from the Renaissance Hotel regarding the rate, so it is possible the hotel may change.

It was recommended and approved that the Chairman for all future tournaments will be responsible for deciding who will provide supplies.

A reimbursement policy for clubs that close during tournaments held within the Unit was presented by Bob Butterfield on behalf of the Tournament Committee. This was discussed and approved.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate for the January election. They are Tomi Fitzgerald, Jim Harp, Brady Allen, Susan Flick, Leslie Conant and Donna Garrard. The slate was approved. This will be in the Scorecard and posters will be made for clubs.

Mary Jane McGinnis is planning the appreciation dinner for February, and she and Tomi Fitzgerald will plan the Christmas Unit lunch.

The Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs awards will be given out between Swiss Team sessions on Sunday November 8, 2009.

David Greims reported he was unable to obtain insurance on the trailer. He is continuing to check prices for new card tables.

Marion Gebhardt is taking over computer duties for the Unit from Charles Price.

Doug Tucker will furnish refreshments for the January Unit game and Steve Birnbaum will do February.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be November 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm, at the home of Steve Birnbaum, 4300 Purdue Avenue, Dallas, 214-691-6929.

