

**Dallas Bridge Association Board of Directors  
Minutes of Meeting 01/16/23**

Attendees: Eileen Davidoff, Stu Nelan, Milt Neher, Scott Nason, Bill Driscoll, Connie, Scott, Bill Higgins, Bob Holliday, and Cheryl Rider were present. Retiring board members Debor Cason, Debrah Chockley and Jim Rider also attended. The January meeting was held at the home of Eileen Davidoff.

**The November minutes were approved.**

**Ed Yetter provided the financial reports, which were approved.**

As of December 31, 2022 the unit has total cash assets of \$84,451.41. There is \$34,387.80 in the checking account and \$50,063.61 in the Fidelity investment account. The Unit finished the year with a net income of \$3,820.28 and exceeded the net income budget by \$4,636.23. This result is due to the successful 2022 Labor Day Regional and the resumption of unit games. The board also invested in a set of Bridgemates and restocked tournament supplies before the Regional.

**2023 Officer selection and committee assignments.**

The Board selected their officers for 2023. They are:

President: Stuart Nelan                      Vice President: Bill Higgins  
Secretary: Eileen Davidoff              Treasurer: Bob Holliday

**Ed Yetter will coordinate with Bank of America to add new treasurer Bob Holliday to the bank account and remove former treasurer Debor Cassen.**

The following are the 2023 committee assignments:

ACBL Electronic Contact: Bob Holliday	Business Manager: Edward Yetter
Charity Chair: Stuart Nelan	District 16 Representative: Scott Nason
Equipment Liason – Cheryl Rider	Equipment Managers – Dale and Valarie Remmers
Hospitality: Pat Measley	Intermediate/Newcomer Chair: Connie Scott
Election Chair: TBD	Membership Chair: Bill Higgins
Member Communications: Bill Driscoll	Publicity Chair: Eileen Davidoff
NAP/GNT Chair: Scott Nason	Scorecard: Scott Nason
STAC Coordinator: Ed Yetter	Recognition Committee: Eileen Davidoff
Table Talk Newsletter: Sue Greims	Tournament Chair / Coordinator: Eileen Davidoff
Webmaster: Ed Yetter	In Memoriam Contact: Mike Murphy
Tournament Committee: TBD	

**Debor Cassen provided a new-member packet to the new board members.**

This packet includes an index for the Procedures Manual, a 2023 calendar and an overview of board organization and responsibilities. It will be continually updated to remain up-to-date.

**Joe Gill presented the member communications report for January via email.**

On December 15 an email announcing the unit board election was sent. This email had 745 reads (62.5%) with 184 clicks on the link to the ballot.

The January monthly newsletter had 785 reads (66.1%). There were 184 recipients who clicked on the links in the email. There were 2 spam complaints and 4 emails bounced.

On January 7 an email was sent to solicit Pros to participate in our Pro-Am event. This email was read by 788 members (66.4%) and the link to register was clicked 36 times.

**Milt Neher presented a report on the January Pro-Am Event**

This event was a success and received positive reviews. The event remains very popular. A second Pro-Am may be planned for the Fall. In 2022 a survey was sent to the amateur participants. This survey will be sent to the 2023 amateur participants to quantify their satisfaction with the event.

**Milt Neher presented a report on the February Unit Game.**

The next unit game will be held on February 19. The time is being moved up to 1:30 PM to ensure we can be out of the venue by 5:30 PM so as not to interfere with evening services. The communications about the February unit game will stress the need for providing proof of vaccine. This has unnecessarily become a contention issue at recent unit games. Attendees will be encouraged to have their proof of vaccine ready when they arrive.

**Debrah Chockley presented the equipment report for December.**

The unit purchased 1000 Styrofoam cups for use at unit events. All equipment owned by the unit is inventoried so that it will be easy to determine what needs to be purchased in advance of upcoming events. Cheryl Rider is the new equipment manager.

**Bill Higgins presented the membership report for December.**

The unit had 8 new members in December. Six members were reinstated. Fourteen members became inactive. Total membership is now 1376.

**Eileen Davidoff presented the tournament report.**

**The March Sectional is on target.** Connie Scott will be the partnership chair. Partnership will once again be handled through the unit partnership email address for partnership requests prior to the event. The email is [partnershipu176@gmail.com](mailto:partnershipu176@gmail.com)

Randy Eads will be the photographer and Gerrie Owen will provide the caddies.

The annual unit membership meeting will be held between sessions on Saturday.

The board is interested in holding a June tournament but as of now there is no venue. The board will continue to work toward having the event and will make a final decision at the February board meeting.

**Ed Yetter made a presentation on the Labor Day Regional.**

The Labor Day Regional will use the same schedule as 2022. The entry fee will be \$15 and there will be an extra \$1.00 collected on Saturday for the D16 NABC surcharge.

The most urgent need is for a partnership chair.

Ed Yetter has received proposed contracts from the Renaissance for 2024-2026. The proposed contracts contain a minimal year-over-year increase in the room rate over the 3 years, topping out at \$114 in 2026. The food and beverage commitment increases each year, to \$7200 in 2026. These increases are very reasonable. The room up-take commitment for 2024-2026 is set at 375. This is much lower than pre-COVID commitments (~500). Because of the reduction in our commitment for

rooms, the hotel will no longer provide the 5 free rooms for our volunteers. Coffee and parking rates are also going up marginally. Ed Yetter asked for approval to sign the contracts. The board requested he see if a clause can be added that would allow us to cancel without penalty if the ACBL will not sanction our event. He will ask for this change and report back to the board.

**Scott Nason gave a report on District 16 news.**

For 2022 District 16 achieved a net loss of \$8,000. The District currently has \$160,000 in their bank account so they are not in any financial distress. The District has a new Scorecard editor. Paul Cuneo is currently serving as interim ACBL Executive Director while they recruit for a permanent replacement. He is doing this temporarily without compensation.

**Other Business**

**Unit Directory**

The In Memorium file for the online 2023 Unit Directory is ready. Ed Yetter will create the pdf file and update the website after the February 7 roster update. At this time there is no plan for a printed directory but the unit may revisit this after the Labor Day Regional.

The board discussed the Bracket 1 problem and agreed to keep the current schedule for the March Sectional. Schedules for future events may or may not change.

**The February meeting will be February 13 at 1:00 PM at Scott Nason's home 6407 Forestshire Dr, Dallas, TX 75230.**