

**Dallas Bridge Association Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting 04/17/23**

Attendees: Eileen Davidoff, Stu Nelan, Milt Neher, Scott Nason, Bill Driscoll, Connie, Scott, Bill Higgins, and Bob Holliday were present. Cheryl Rider was absent. The April meeting was held at King of Glory Church. Some members attended via ZOOM meeting.

The March minutes were approved.

Ed Yetter provided the financial reports, which were approved.

As of March 31, 2023 the unit has total cash assets of \$85,251.50. There is \$34,679.88 in the checking account and \$50,571.62 in the Fidelity investment account. The deposit from the ACBL for the March sectional of \$16,096.46 has been received.

Through March the unit is surpassing the 2023 net income budget by \$5,265.09.

Bill Driscoll presented the member communications report for February via email.

Date	Reads	Percent Read	Clicks on Links	Unsubs	Spam Complaints	Bounces	Email Theme
03/19/23	778	65.60%	51	0	0	4	Spring Sectional and GNT
03/20/23	785	66.20%	86	0	0	4	Sectional Express Entry
04/01/23	803	67.40%	50	0	1	7	April Newslette04
04/08/23	791	66.40%	50	0	1	8	Upcoming Events
04/15/23	654	54.70%	34	0	0	4	Unit Game, June Sectional, Labor Day Regional

Going forward, Bill Driscoll plans to send one email per week.

Bill Higgins presented the membership report for February.

The unit had 4 new members in March Ten members were reinstated. Five members transferred in and 14 members became inactive. Total membership is now 1361. This may represent a stabilization of the membership. Bill Higgins will begin contacting the inactive members to see if they can be reinstated.

Milt Neher presented a Unit Game report.

The next unit game will be held on April 30. Two unit games will be held on June 6 prior to the June sectional. The morning game will be sponsored by Valley View Bridge Club. The afternoon game will be sponsored by Friendly Bridge Club.

The usual club closing fee will be paid to any club that closes on any day of the tournament.

The next unit games will take place at Congregation Shearith Israel on July 9, August 6 and October 8. The venue has advised us that the venue will not be available during the school year after the October 8 game.

The board designated August 6 to be a Pro-Am game. Milt Neher will manage the Pro-Am.

The Holiday Party will take place on December 10. The venue is pending. The board will continue to look for an alternate venue.

Eileen Davidoff presented the tournament report.

Review of Spring Sectional – The Spring Sectional was extremely successful, with a total of 389 tables and a net income of over \$7,000. The hospitality crew of Roz Smith and Mary Lynn Genevese did an outstanding job. To show the board's appreciation, they board approved giving them free plays for any event in which they are doing the hospitality, and will also provide each of them 4 free-plays for the 2023 Labor Day Regional.

The only issue was the delay in getting the Express Entry portal activated. Eileen will talk to the ACBL about the process for Express Entry.

The June Sectional is on target. Ed Yetter will have flyers printed. The ACBL has advised that they cannot staff an event beginning on Tuesday. Therefore, the sectional will run from Wednesday, June 7 through Friday June 9. The sanction has been approved. Connie Scott has agreed to be the partnership chair.

Ed Yetter presented a report on the Labor Day Regional. The space concern for Wednesday and Thursday remains, as the other client has refused to move. The board discussed contingency plans. It may be possible to move the team game registration desk to outside the room to free up more space. Ed Yetter will discuss with DIC Kevin Perkins and will let Valarie Remmers know that the set-up crew will have to return on Thursday afternoon to set up the Wildflower room.

Fall sectional, November 1-4. Milt Neher will chair this event. Ed Yetter has not yet received the contract from LLUMC. He will follow up with LLUMC and also request the sanction.

2024 Tournaments The board will continue to look for venues for 2024 events. Ed Yetter will check with the Renaissance on a contract to host the November Sectional/I/N Regional, as there would not be enough room at LLUMC. He will provide the other 2024 dates to LLUMC to see if they will host any of them.

Connie Scott presented an Intermediate/Newcomer Report.

The "Intermediate/Newcomer Corner" is now on the website. It provides information about both tournament and club game opportunities for newer players. It will be updated going forward.

Stuart Nelan led a discussion on the 2024 election committee. Connie Scott will chair the election committee. Per the by-laws, the committee will consist of 2 board members and 3 people who are not board members. The committee will recommend candidates to the board for approval, and will seek at least 5 candidates. Milt Neher announced that he will seek a second term.

Scott Nason presented a report on the GNT District Finals. The split-site finals were a success. The winners will be posted on the unit and district websites and will be recognized in the Scorecard and Table Talk.

There was one issue that came up at the Houston flight A event. One of the flight B qualifying teams sought to enter the flight A event. They were advised that, per the conditions of contest, a team cannot qualify in two different flights. In order to compete in the flight A event they would have to disavow their flight B qualification. They decided not to do that and did not compete. The conditions of contest were confirmed by the DIC.

New Business

The board discussed printing hard copies of the unit directory and decided to have a small number printed to offer for sale at the next tournament. The board already has a quote of \$2600 for 500. Eileen Davidoff will get a quote for \$200 and compare for economies of scale. The directories will be sold for \$5.00 each.

A member has suggested the board purchase a defibrillator to have available at all events. Before doing so, the board will find out from their venues whether there might be one available and where it is. Owning a defibrillator comes with a responsibility for keeping it maintained and knowing how to use it. If the venues already do this, that would be a better option.

TableTalk and Scorecard Articles are due soon. The next issue of each will include the June flyer, with the following issue including the Regional flyer.

The board voted to invest some of their funds to support our clubs by paying the STAC sanction fees for both the June District STAC and the December Metroplex STAC.

The May meeting will be May 9 (Tuesday) at 10:00 AM at King of Glory, prior to the Tuesday noon game. Board members are encouraged to stay and play in the game after the meeting. The address is: 6411 LBJ Frwy, Dallas, TX. The following meeting will be Tuesday, June 13 at the McKinney game.