

**Dallas Bridge Association Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting 05/09/23**

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

The April minutes were approved.

Ed Yetter provided the financial reports, which were approved.

As of April 30, 2023 the unit has total cash assets of \$84,681.28 There is \$33,892.06 in the checking account and \$50,789.22 in the Fidelity investment account. An ACBL reimbursement was received on April 7 in the amount of \$1630.07.

The venue rental for the June tournament has been paid in full. Through April the unit is surpassing the 2023 net income budget by \$3350.54.

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

Date	Reads	Percent Read	Clicks on Links	Unsubs	Spam Complaints	Bounces	Email Theme
04/15/23	777	65.00%	59	0	0	4	Unit Game, June Sectional, Labor Day Regional
04/20/23	739	61.80%	50	1	1	5	Unit Game, June Sectional, STAC, Labor Day Regional
04/26/23	742	62.20%	50	0	1	7	Unit Game, June Sectional, STAC, Labor Day Regional
05/01/23	796	65.90%	50	0	1	8	May Newsletter

Upcoming emails will focus on the Royal STAC week, May 9-14, the June unit games and sectional, the District STAC week June 12-18 and the Labor Day Regional. The June newsletter will go out June 1.

Bill Higgins presented the membership report for April.

The unit had 8 new members in April Twenty members were reinstated. Three members transferred in and 10 members became inactive. Total membership is now 1369. This is the first month of membership growth this year. It continues to look like membership has stabilized.

Cheryl Rider presented an equipment report.

Gerrie Owen purchased the unit some cups at the last tournament. They are now in our storage. Other supplies are adequate for the June sectional. An order will be placed before the Regional.

Milt Neher presented a Unit Game report.

The next unit games will be held on June 6 prior to the June Sectional. The 10:00 AM game will be sponsored by Valley View Bridge Club. The 2:30 game will be sponsored by Friendly Bridge Club. The clubs will run the games, including making the boards and providing hospitality. They will keep all the proceeds. The unit is providing the venue and will obtain the Unit Championship Game sanctions. The usual club closing fee will be paid to any club that closes on any day of the tournament.

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

The board decided to update the unit game announcements in the Dallas Morning News at the venue's request.

Due to increased turnout, the board voted to change the limited MP flight from 999er to 749er beginning with the July unit game.

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 a tournament committee report.

Ed Yetter reports that everything is on target for the June Sectional. Ed Yetter will order the last-day lunches. Set-up will be Monday after 3:00 PM. Roz Smith will be handling the hospitality by herself and needs a helper. Gerrie Owen's daughter is one possibility. Ed will talk to Gerrie about this and see what other options might be available.

Ed Yetter presented a report on the Labor Day Regional.

Ed Yetter and Tomi Storey will meet with the Renaissance team in June to finalize the event order and will order needed supplies. The unit is required to purchase a full-page Scorecard ad for the Regional. Ed Yetter will coordinate with the Scorecard editor to have the ad included in the next issue.

Fall sectional, November 15-18. Scott Humphrey has declined the sanction for November 1-4 so the event will move back 2 weeks to November 15-18. Those dates are available both for the church and the District calendar. Ed Yetter will get the contract with LLUMC updated and will request a new sanction.

2024 Tournaments The board continues to look for venues for 2024 events. Stuart Nelan found a possible venue at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Richardson. The location is ideal. Stu and Ed Yetter will meet with the event coordinator this week to see the venue and discuss a contract. All board members are welcome to come for the tour. Other possible venues were discussed: The Elks Lodge in Mesquite, the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland and a meeting space at UTD. These will be further investigated if the Holiday Inn venue doesn't work out.

Scott Nason presented a GNT/NAP update The club qualifying for the 2024 North American Pairs begin in June and run through August. The NAP District Finals will be held in January, 2024. No decision has been made on a Unit Qualifier for the NAPs. The 2024 GNT District Finals need to confirm venues soon.

Other Business

Eileen Davidoff advised the board of the bid for 200 printed unit directories of \$1730. The board voted to print 200 copies and offer them for sale at \$5.00 each. They may also be offered as an alternate prize at the Regional.

It has become difficult to find volunteers to run the sectional tournaments.. It is not feasible to have board members do it constantly. Now that attendance is up, and they seem to be providing some net income, one or more of the local clubs might be interested in sponsoring a tournament. Connie Scott reports that McKinney would not be interested because they are a non-profit. The board will table this issue until after the results of the June tournament are known.

Gerrie Owen would like to borrow the unit's dealing machine until hers can be repaired. The board voted to lend her the machine as long as it is returned early enough for Ed Yetter to make the boards for the June tournament.

The June meeting will be June 13 (Tuesday) at 1:30 at the Salvation Army in McKinney following their Tuesday morning game. All board members are encouraged to attend the game prior to the board meeting. The address is: 600 Wilson Pkwy, McKinney TX 75069.