

**Dallas Bridge Association Board of Directors  
Minutes of Meeting 06/13/23**

Attendees: Eileen Davidoff, Stu Nelan, Milt Neher, Scott Nason, Bill Driscoll, Connie, Scott, Cheryl Rider, Bill Higgins, and Bob Holliday were present. The June meeting was held at the Salvation Army in McKinney following their Tuesday game.

**The May minutes were approved.**

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

As of May 31, 2023 the unit has total cash assets of \$83,171.24 There is \$32,224.77 in the checking account and \$50,946.47 in the Fidelity investment account.

Through April the unit is surpassing the 2023 net income budget by \$3240.50, primary due to better financial performance of our sectional tournaments and our unit games.

**Bill Driscoll presented the member communications report for May via email.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reads</b>	<b>Percent Read</b>	<b>Clicks on Links</b>	<b>Unsubs</b>	<b>Spam Complaints</b>	<b>Bounces</b>	<b>Email Theme</b>
05/01/23	807	66.90%	125	0	0	6	May Newsletter
05/10/23	778	64.40%	25	1		5	June Sectional, Pre-Sectional Unit Game Day, Labor Day Regional
05/17/23	788	65.20%	22	2		5	June Sectional, Pre-Sectional Unit Game Day, Labor Day Regional
05/25/23	769	63.80%	36		4	5	June Sectional, Pre-Sectional Unit Game Day
06/02/23	792	65.60%	108	1	1	6	June Newsletter

Upcoming emails will focus on the July 9 unit game, the August 6 Pro-Am and the Labor Day Regional.

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

The unit had 4 new members in May Seventeen members were reinstated. No members transferred in and 7 members became inactive. Total membership is now 1376, which is the highest for the year and the same as it was in Dec. 2022. This is an increase of 7 members from April and indicates that membership has remained stable.

**Milt Neher presented a Unit Game report.**

The June 6 pre-tournament unit games each had table counts of 14.5 tables. Valarie Remmers will be directing the July 9 unit game.

Scott Nason will check on availability for a unit game in October, on either Oct 15 or Oct. 22.

The Summer Pro-Am will be held on August 6. Ed Yetter will update the registration form and Milt Neher will once again manage partnerships.

The December unit game/ Holiday Party will be held on December 10 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center. Attendance will be limited to 60 tables. A full catered Holiday meal will be provided to all attendees. To help offset the cost, the usual \$10.00 entry fee will be charged to unit members. Non unit-members will be charged \$25.00. There will be door prizes. It might be possible to raffle one or more games with a recognized expert player. Board members will reach out to several possible expert participants and report back at the August meeting.

**Ed Yetter presented a report on the Labor Day Regional.**

Ed Yetter and Tomi Storey will meet with the Renaissance team on June 14 to finalize the event order. They are still working with Image Impact to get options and prices for prizes and registration gifts. The Scorecard ad has been submitted, and will be included in the July-August edition. The cost is \$350. It will also be included in the upcoming Table Talk.

Flyers will be available at the July 4 Regional in Austin and at the Summer NABC. The flyer has been updated to remove the COVID vaccine requirement and replace it with an announcement of the 499er reception. The printed flyers will be altered to mark out the COVID statement. New flyers will not be printed, but the new version will be used on the unit website, the ACBL website and all electronic communications.

**Eileen Davidoff presented a tournament committee report.**

Planning for the remainder of 2023 and 2024 continues.

**Review of the June sectional – Ed Yetter and Milt Neher**

Despite only being a 3-day event without a weekend day, and charging a reduced entry fee, the June sectional produced positive net income of \$1,253.76. Total table count was 247. This compares very favorably with table counts from other sectional tournaments in our region. Once again, the hospitality provided by Roz Smith was outstanding.

**Fall sectional, November 15-18.**

The board voted to have only fully-bracketed team games for the November tournament. Recent bracketed results indicate that there are a fewer number of “pro” teams making the need for an AXY Swiss Team event less important. The board will continue to monitor the results and adjust as experience dictates.

The board voted to raise the masterpoint limit on the limited masterpoint pairs game to 749er. The 299er event only made about half the time.

Connie Scott will be the partnership chair for the November sectional.

**2024 Tournaments** Ed Yetter received pricing from the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center for a Memorial Day tournament and a November sectional with I/N Regional. He presented an analysis that indicates that, despite considerably higher rental cost, these events can be held with minimal financial risk. The location is ideal and the venue will allow us to bring in our own hospitality. The board voted to pursue contacts for these two events.

The Memorial Day tournament will be May 22-26, 2024 (Wednesday thru Sunday) with no game on Monday.

The November sectional and I/N Regional will be November 6-9, 2024.

**Connie Scott presented an Election Committee report.**

Connie continues to put together her committee. Martha Young has joined the committee. The slate of candidates needs to be completed by October.

**Scott Nason presented a GNT/NAP update** Scott is going to look into holding some or all of the District 16 GNT finals during the Memorial Day tournament in 2024.

**Other Business**

The board voted to print 300 unit directories at a cost of \$2,076 and offer them for sale at \$5.00 each. The membership will be instructed to make sure their membership information on MyACBL is updated, as this is the source for the directory. They will also be provided instructions on how to opt out of the directory via MyACBL. The deadline for updates on MyACBL is October 1. The October update will be used to create the directory.

**There will be no July meeting. The August meeting will be August 14 at 1:00 PM at Eileen Davidoff's home, 5924 Encore Drive, Dallas, TX 75240.**