

**Dallas Bridge Association Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting 08/14/23**

Attendees: Eileen Davidoff, Stu Nelan, Milt Neher, Bill Driscoll, Connie, Scott, Cheryl Rider, Bill Higgins, and Bob Holliday were present. Scott Nason was absent. The August meeting was held at the home of Eileen Davidoff.

The June minutes were approved.

Ed Yetter provided the financial reports, which were approved.

As of July 31, 2023 the unit has total cash assets of \$82,853.77 There is \$31,403.30 in the checking account and \$51,450.47 in the Fidelity investment account.

Through July the unit is surpassing the 2023 net income budget by \$6,793.03. However, there will be a lot of expenses incurred for the 2023 Labor Day Regional in the next few weeks.

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

Date	Reads	Percent Read	Clicks on Links	Unsubs	Spam Complaints	Bounces	Email Theme
06/02/23	809	67.00%	115	1	1	6	June Newsletter
06/16/23	789	65.40%	40	1	1	4	July unit game, August Pro-Am, Labor Day Regional
06/22/23	758	63.00%	43		1	4	July unit game, August Pro-Am, Labor Day Regional
06/27/23	768	63.80%	40	1	2	4	July unit game, August Pro-Am, Labor Day Regional
07/01/23	794	66.60%	98	1		4	July Newsletter
07/06/23	775	65.00%	52		3	4	July unit game, August Pro-Am, Labor Day Regional
07/13/23	752	63.2%0	39	1	1	4	August Pro-Am, Labor Day Regional
07/20/23	747	62.90%	30			5	August Pro-Am, Labor Day Regional

07/26/23	718	60.60%	17	1	1	3	August Pro-Am
08/01/23	797	67.20%	91	1	1	3	August Newsletter

Upcoming emails will focus on announcing when Entry Express becomes available for the Labor Day Regional, regional results and August Pro-Am results. There will also be announcements about the upcoming DBA Directory and the Fall Sectional.

Bill Higgins presented the membership report for August.

The unit had 4 new members in July. Five members were reinstated. Three members transferred in and 12 members became inactive. Total membership is now 1370.

Milt Neher presented a Unit Game report.

The next unit game will be held October 15 at Congregation Shearith Isreal. The board discussed options for future unit games as the Synagogue is going to require an additional payment of \$200 to pay for a security guard. One possibility would be to host the unit games at the Holiday Inn in Richardson. Ed Yetter will check with them and see whether this would be possible, and at what cost. They had previously quoted \$700 for the Sunday afternoon.

The board agreed the best solution would be to stay at the Synagogue if we can agree on dates that will work for us and them.

The board agreed that going forward winners in each flight at the unit game will receive a free play for a future unit game.

The 2023 Holiday Party will be held at the Holiday Inn Dallas-Richardson in their ballroom on December 10, 2023. The price will be \$10 for Unit 176 members and \$25 for non-Unit 176 members. Attendance will be limited to the first 60 tables (120 pairs) who register. The registration form will be available on the website and for email by October 6.

Ed Yetter presented a report on the Labor Day Regional. Ed Yetter and Tomi Storey report that there is a lot of activity going on around the Labor Day Regional.

- The event order with the Renaissance has been signed. There will be breakfast snacks on Saturday morning at a cost of approx. \$3700 and the 499er reception on Friday evening at a cost of approx. \$4300.
- The order for wine glasses has been placed.
- The order for new stickers and pencils for registration gifts has been placed.
- Space issues with the other client remain. One small conference room will be set up with 9 tables just in case they are needed. The set-up team is returning on Thursday at 12:30 to set up the Wildflower room for the rest of the week.
- Speakers are set: Wed: Scott Nason, Thus: Melody Euler, Friday 9:15 AM Paul Cuneo, Saturday: Kristin Onsgard, Sunday Q&A with Ed and Tomi.
- The speakers for each day will be included in the electronic bulletin.
- Most of the work yet to be done concerns printing and will be completed before set-up.
- The Wednesday bulletin will be sent to Scott Nason by the end of this week.

- Set up of the ballroom will take place at noon on Tuesday. Set up of the foyer area will take place Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM.

Stuart Nelan suggested we look into having an on-line day for the 2024 Regional. This has been done successfully in other places. He will research the option and report to the board.

Eileen Davidoff presented a tournament committee report.

Planning for the remainder of 2023 and 2024 continues.

Fall sectional, November 15-18.

Milt Neher reports that planning for the November sectional is complete. The flyers will be printed and available at the Labor Day Regional.

2024 Tournaments

February 21-24 at LLUMC: Contract is signed. Milt Neher and Connie Scott will co-chair.

April 17-20 at LLUMC: Contract is signed. Milt Neher will chair

May 22-26 Memorial Day Sectional at Holiday Inn-Dallas Richardson. Contract is signed. Milt Neher will be the partnership chair.

November 6-9: Fall Sectional at I/N Regional at Holiday Inn-Dallas Richardson.

Connie Scott presented an Election Committee report.

The election committee is set. Connie Scott is the election chair. The other committee members are Bob Holliday, Martha Young, Joe Gill and Mary Jane McGinnis. The Committee will have a slate of candidates ready to approve by the end of September. Ed Yetter will have posters made for the clubs to display, and to be displayed at the Holiday Party.

Voting will begin December 10, 2023 and run through January 10, 2024. The first board meeting of 2024 will be held on January 15.

Scott Nason presented a GNT/NAP update NAP club qualifying for the 2024 NAP District 16 finals will run through the end of August. The District finals will be held January 13-14, 2024 at the San Antonio sectional.

The 2024 GNT District 16 finals will be held at the Dallas Memorial Day Sectional, May 25-26 (flights A and C) and at the Houston sectional April 6-7 (Super-flight and flight B).

Other Business

Eileen Davidoff reported that all but one ad for the 2024 printed Unit Directory has been received. She is still waiting on the ad from Friendly Bridge Club. Once she has all the ads she will turn over to the printer. The deadline for updates on MyACBL is October 1. The October 6 update will be used to create the directory. The printed copies will be ready for distribution at the November Fall Sectional.

The October meeting will be Tuesday, October 10 at King of Glory church at 6411 LBJ Frwy, Dallas, TX 75240. The board will stay for the Friendly game at 12:15 PM .