

**Dallas Bridge Association Board of Directors  
Minutes of Meeting 11/06/23**

Attendees: Eileen Davidoff, Scott Nason, Milt Neher, Bill Driscoll, Bob Holliday, Connie, Scott, Cheryl Rider and Bill Higgins were present. Stuart Nelan was absent. The November meeting was held at King of Glory Church.

**The October minutes were approved as amended.**

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

As of October 31, 2023 the unit has total cash assets of \$94,758.29. There is \$42,588.27 in the checking account and \$52,170.02 in the Fidelity investment account.

Through October the unit is surpassing the 2023 net income budget by \$4,957.55.

**Bill Driscoll and Bob Holliday presented the member communications report for August and September via email.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reads</b>	<b>Percent Read</b>	<b>Clicks on Links</b>	<b>Unsubs</b>	<b>Spam</b>	<b>Bounces</b>	<b>Email Theme</b>
10/08/23 (Updated)	757	64.80%	64	0	0	1	October Unit Game, Dallas Fall Sectional
10/24/23	760	65.10%	31	1	0	2	Dallas Fall Sectional
11/02/23	736	63.20%	114	0	0	1	October Unit Game, Dallas Fall Sectional

Upcoming emails will focus on the Dallas Fall Sectional and the Holiday Party. The number of recipients on the mailing list is now 1169.

**Bill Higgins presented the membership report for September**

The unit had 2 new members in October. Eight members were reinstated. Four members transferred in and 18 members became inactive. Because of the high number of inactive members, total membership has dropped to 1357. This is the lowest membership of the year.

**Cheryl Rider led a discussion of Equipment Issues**

Chuck Eason is very interested in the Equipment Manager position, replacing Valarie and Dale Remmers. He will shadow Valarie at the Fall Sectional and then make a decision. The board voted to raise the pay for the Equipment Manager to \$400 per sectional, \$600 for the Regional and \$100 for the Unit Game.

**Eileen Davidoff discussed the Holiday Party**

Kathy Carr has agreed to be the assistant director, supporting Carolyn Pinto. Ed Yetter will advise the Holiday Inn of the final registration count on December 5 so they can order the catering.

### **Milt Neher presented a Unit Game and Pro/Am report**

The first unit game of 2024 will be held on March 10, 2024 at Congregation Shearith Israel. Friendly Bridge Club is interested in hosting a Pro-Am event along with an Eight-is-Enough team game on the same day. Milt and Valarie Remmers will work out the details and the unit board will purchase pizza between sessions.

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

#### **2024 Tournaments**

All tournaments for 2024 are scheduled and sanctioned. Ed Yetter will produce the flyer for the February and April tournaments and submit to the ACBL. There are some remaining volunteer positions to be filled for 2024 events. The new board will discuss at the January board meeting.

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

The graphic for the 2024 election poster is complete and approved. Ed Yetter will have 3 posters printed and available by the beginning of the Fall sectional on November 15.

### **Scott Nason presented a District 16 news update.**

Ken Monzengo will be the new District 16 president for 2024. The District has been asked to work on recruitment efforts by the ACBL. There is general agreement this effort is best handled by the local clubs.

### **Scott Nason presented a GNT/NAP update**

Scott continues to work with Crystal Mann to have the flyer for the GNT District Finals posted to the ACBL website.

#### **Other Business**

- The board will visit the Waxahachie bridge club on Tuesday, November 28.
- The 2024-2025 printed directories will be delivered to Eileen Davidoff and be available for purchase at \$5.00 each at the Fall Sectional.
- The board discussed the 2024 Goodwill and District Star awards and selected the winners. The awards will be given out at the February sectional. Bio's and a photo of the District Star award are due to Sandy Potts of District 16 by December 31, 2023.
- The board authorized appreciation gifts for Sue Greims for her work on the Table Talk and for Pat Measley for sending out sympathy and greeting cards for the unit.
- The Board discussed the ACBL Return to the Fold program. The Board will table this discussion until the January meeting and discuss further.

**The January meeting will be Monday, January 15 at Eileen Davidoff's home, 5924 Encore Dr. Dallas, TX 75240. She will serve lunch at noon followed by the board meeting at 1:00 PM. The new board members as well as all members from the 2023 board are invited to attend.**