

**Dallas Bridge Association Unit Board
Minutes of Meeting 8/8/16**

Attendees: Martha Young, Ed Yetter, Catherine Tucker, Cheryl Clark, Jim Harp, Vi Ganales and new board member Randy Earle. Absent were Tom Whitesides and Mark Bumgardner. District representative Tomi Storey also attended.

The August meeting was held at the home of Ed Yetter. President Martha Young called the meeting to order. New board member Randy Earle was welcomed to the board.

Tomi Storey – District 16 president - provided a District 16 update and an update on the Labor Day regional.

- District GNT finals are moving to Houston in 2017 due to a substantial cost savings. The finals will be held in conjunction with the Houston sectional in April.
- Participation at the GNT finals was down this year, so the district is considering a return to unit qualifying. This will be discussed at the district meeting during the Labor Day regional.
- The district has a new Intermediate/Newcomer coordinator – Laura Delfeld.
- Planning for the Labor Day regional is progressing. The registration gift will be a hunter green thermal lunch bag. 1200 bags have been purchased.
- The district will provide food following the evening session on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 200 servings will be provided.
- A reception for 299ers will be held on Thursday, September 1 from 6:00 – 7:00. Beer, wine water desserts and snacks will be provided. The unit board members are expected to attend.

Friendly Bridge Club manager Mike Davis came to make a presentation to the board asking to be considered, along with Valley View Bridge Club, as co-hosts for the the November 2017 sectional.

Mike explained that Friendly Bridge Club has been in operation for 18 years and currently hosts two games per week averaging 12-18 tables each. Friendly ranks 425th nationally and has a history of supporting unit and district activities.

Friendly Bridge Club currently pays \$1500 per month to the recreation center (variable cost based on table count) and Valley View Bridge Club pays \$1000 per month to the church for their Wednesday game (fixed cost) and also pays Edgemere for games held there. The board thanked Mike for his presentation and advised the logical next step would be to meet with the tournament committee. Martha Young will discuss with Tournament Committee chairperson Tom Whitesides and facilitate the meeting.

June minutes were approved as written.

Cheryl Clark provided the financial report. The unit currently has \$70,731.30 . Year-to-date net income is tracking very close to budget. She will provide a report at the next meeting of all the activities currently subsidized by the unit, so the board can consider which ones to continue going forward.

Cheryl Clark presented the tournament committee report. The schedule for the January election sectional was approved after amending the flights for the Sunday Swiss to be A-AX and B-C-D with a separate 299er event. This is the same arrangement being used for the November sectional and may be adjusted depending on the results of that event. Cathie Tucker and Cheryl Clark are co-chairs with Loretta Green as partnership chair.

Martha Young presented the education and intermediate/novice report. “Learn Bridge in a Day” is full with 30+ paid attendees. Eileen Smith is presenter with assistance from Martha Young. Goody bags will be provided to attendees. The 0-5 cards already need to be reprinted. The board wants to continue this program so it runs at least 12 months so Ed will order more cards.

The unit board unanimously extended an offer to Ed Yetter to become the board's executive secretary beginning in January when his current term on the board ends. He accepted.

Cathie Tucker presented the unit game report. Dorsey had 16 tables, BAND had 7 tables in the open game and 6 in the 299er game, for a total of 29 tables at both venues. Planning for the Holiday Party on December 11 is progressing. The caterer is charging \$14 per person (\$1.00 more than last year.) At the September meeting Cathie will present a budget and the board will determine whether or not to charge anything for the event. Sue Doe, Lucky Snyder and Carolyn Pinto will direct and will be paid.

The new unit directory will be printed and ready for distribution at the January election sectional. Susan Flick is working with Doug Tucker to produce the directory. Members will be given an opportunity to edit their information or opt out entirely, in the clubs or via email, in November.

The 2017 calendar is under development and the board hopes to have it available at the Holiday party in December.

Vi Ganales presented a report on board visits, having completed the visit to Rockwall on August 8. The Unit Team Game on August 18 will also serve as the board visit to BAND. Ennis will be scheduled next.

Ed Yetter presented the member communications report. Monthly newsletter for August was sent on August 3. Additional communications will be sent in advance of the unit pairs game on August 14 and the unit team game on August 18.

Next month the board will discuss nominations for the Texas Star and Goodwill award. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be held at Tom Whiteside's on September 12.