

**Minutes**  
**DBAA Board Meeting**  
**Monday, June 10, 2024**

Tom Drinkard called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The following were in attendance.

Tom Drinkard  
Rich Brody  
Candy Cox  
Jack Feagin  
Jim Fordham  
Garry Williams  
Sue Williams

The May Minutes were approved. There was no Treasurer's Report this month.

The Board discussed Patty Tucker's request for financial support to teach a Learn Bridge in a Day class sometime before the Labor Day Regional, date and place to be determined. She has asked for \$750 which is half her usual charge to teach the class. Jack said there could be additional costs. Sue asked about marketing. Candy thinks there will be interest in Dunwoody if we include in the marketing the women who used to play a sanctioned game once monthly at Dan's. Dan has offered to host the class on a Tuesday. Rich made a motion that the DBAA allocate \$750 for Patty's class somewhere, sometime, and that Tom will approve the place and any additional expenses. Sue seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Rich has been working on the three proposed amendments to the DBAA bylaws. These are, in essence,

Article VIII-B:

to change the establishment of the Nominating Committee for the election of officers and directors to "every two years" instead of "in even years"

Article X:

to say that the bylaws can be amended, altered, or repealed... by the "Directors" of the DBAA rather than the "members"

Article XI-B:

to allow the Board to approve funds for any foreseeable litigation against the DBAA or its directors, officers, employees, agents, or advisors.

He said we need to hold a meeting of the Unit members at the Labor Day Regional to vote on these amendments. We will need the approval of 2/3 of the members present to pass the amendments.

Jack reported that the DBAA needs better representation at the District 7 meetings held at District 7 Regionals. Jack regularly goes to these meetings. We need to fill three

slots. Reps need to attend a majority of the regionals each year, and they need to be knowledgeable and current on the affairs of the district. If they cannot attend, a proxy can be substituted. It's particularly important this year because Jack would like to propose a change in the set-up for grand national teams events. In recent years the grand national team events were held in Columbia, SC. Attendance for Flight A and B events was low, in part because Columbia is not easily accessed by players outside of a straight forward driving distance. In 2023 these games were held separately between Charlotte and Atlanta. This separation is more expensive since directors are needed at both sites and there's a second ACBL surcharge. Unfortunately, in 2023, the hoped for Georgia Tech teams had conflicting options, and Atlanta attendance was low. As a result there was a loss for the district, and the grass roots and GNT groups decided to go back to Columbia. Jack has talked to two people in Macon and people in Chattanooga, all in support of having GNT events in Atlanta. They will support Jack's proposal. Jack's proposal is to try again to have separate places for the events, one being Atlanta, with Unit 253 covering the extra expenses and any loss. That expense should be \$1500-2000. With our three DBAA representatives, Judy Fendrick, who has recently been elected to the ACBL Advisory Council, Pete Martin, who is the current treasurer of District 7, and the representatives from Macon and Chattanooga, we will hopefully be able to get the proposal approved. Jack proposes himself, Craig Robinson, and Tom Drinkard as representatives. It's a great deal for Flight B and C teams; if held in Atlanta, the cost is good with no travel, and the master points are great. The proposal passed unanimously.

Tom reported that a three page blast with the qualifications for nominees to the Hall of Fame, a sample nomination, and a form to use for current nominations was emailed to all Unit members in the past week. Paper copies will be supplied to club directors in the next week.

The Board discussed the new player directory. Pianola has about 2800 members on its list, and the DBAA has some 1730 members listed. Tom wants to remove the names not on both lists and start fresh from there. Jack mentioned that while Unit 253 was split into two units in 2015, there are players who live outside of Unit 253 who routinely come to Atlanta to play. He feels that they should be included in the new directory. It was decided that a sign-up sheet or form be provided for those people who would like to be included, and that they would be added back into the directory.

Jack reported that he is working on venue contracts for the 2025 and 2026 Spring Sectionals.

Tom reported that he's waiting for the final figures for Mentoring Month and said he hopes for a Friendship Game in July.

As there was no other business, Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted,  
Candy Cox