

**Dallas Bridge Association Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting 08/13/25**

Attendees: Paul Taylor, Bill Higgins, Mary Chaffin, Bill Driscoll, Connie Scott, Bob Holliday, Cheryl Rider and Jackie Brown were present. Truett Cates was absent. The August meeting was held before the Wednesday game at King of Glory Church.

The June minutes were approved.

Ed Yetter provided the financial reports, which were approved.

As of July 31, 2025 the unit has total cash assets of \$66,060.75. There is \$13,709.93 in the checking account and \$52,350.82 in the Fidelity investment account.

The July financial results include about \$8500 of expenses for the upcoming Labor Day Regional. The revenue for this event will be booked in September.

Bill Driscoll and Bob Holliday presented the member communications report.

Date	Reads	Percent Read	Clicks on Links	Unsubs	Spam	Bounces	Topic
06/09/25	613	54.60%	20	0	0	1	Unit Game 6/15, Labor Day Regional
06/16/25	568	50.70%	27	0	0	1	Longest Day Games / Labor Day Regional
06/23/25	597	53.20%	47	0	0	0	Upcoming Special Games, Unit Game 7/13, Labor Day Regional
07/02/25	599	53.50%	58	0	0	1	July Newsletter
07/07/25	612	55.20%	69	0	0	0	Unit Game 7/13, Labor Day Regional
07/22/25	631	56.90%	37	2	0	1	Unit Game 8/10, Labor Day Regional
08/01/25	656	61.00%	70	0	0	1	August Newsletter
08/06/25	571	51.50%	15	0	0	0	8/8 Last date for \$109 rate at Regional

There are currently 1109 recipients on the DBA mailing list.

Upcoming emails will focus on upcoming unit games and on the Labor Day Regional, the Fall Sectional and the Holiday Party. Readership is somewhat lower during the Summer.

The July/August Scorecard was submitted on 6/10. The September/October Scorecard is due 8/15.

David Sterner has been learning how to manage our email communications.

Bill Higgins presented the membership report for May via email.

The unit had 3 new member in July, 4 members were reinstated and 1 member transferred in. No members became unpaid and 12 became inactive. The unit membership is now 1236 and continues to decline each month.

Cheryl Rider presented an Equipment report.

Cheryl has purchased new pencil sharpeners for the Regional.

Connie Scott led a discussion of 2025 tournaments.

Labor Day Regional – Ed Yetter reported that the Food & Beverage order at the Marriott has been signed. Hotel room pickup currently stands at 584 so we have exceeded our commitment. Set up will be on Tuesday, August 26 at 2:00 PM.

Fall Sectional – The flyer is finished and has been submitted to the ACBL for approval.

Jackie Brown presented a Unit Game report.

The next unit game is Sept 7 at King of Glory and is sponsored by Valley View Bridge Club. All the other unit games are scheduled. They will all be held at King of Glory church on 10/5, 11/16 and the Holiday Party will be held on 12/14. The Board discussed several options for the Holiday Party. A final decision will be made after the Labor Day Regional. Valarie Remmers and Gerrie Owens are working on the Unit Game schedule for 2026.

Scott Nason joined the meeting to present a District 16 report.

Scott announced that the August 31 district meeting will be his last as our Unit 176 district representative. He is joining the ACBL Executive Committee representing District 16. The unit needs to select a new District representative.

Bob Holliday will become the District 16 GNT coordinator in 2026.

The July District Board Meeting was held during the July 4 Regional in Austin. The following decisions were approved:

- The District sanction fee of \$1.40 per table for regionals has been suspended through 2026.
- The 2026 NAP District Championship will be held at the Bridge Club of Austin in January. It is not affiliated with a sectional tournament. The District is looking at moving the event earlier to allow more time for the District winners to plan for the Spring Nationals, and may also look at San Antonio as a possible host.
- The District has a current balance of \$170,000.
- Scorecard readership is low. The District is concerned and is looking at options to increase readership.
- Scott reported that the ACBL is committed to the EDGAR program to find online cheating, but they have now acknowledged that some of the penalties have been too harsh and excessive in certain circumstances, and the appeal process is too difficult. The ACBL is implementing new policies to address this.

Scott Nason and Tomi Storey presented an update on the 2027 Dallas NABC

The 2025 Spring NABC will be held in Dallas at the Hyatt Regency, Reunion Tower. Most of the work for the event will take place in 2026.

There are volunteer positions available on various committees:

Partnership, Hospitality, Finance Chair, Restaurant Guide, Sponsorships and Publicity.

The District provides \$25,000 to the unit to offset unit expenses for the NABC.

There will be various fundraisers for the NABC including STAC fundraisers, raffles, special games and others.

Old Business

The club info has been updated, both for the website and the emails. David Sterner was instrumental in compiling this information for review.

The September meeting will be Wednesday, September 17 at 10:00 AM, prior to the Wednesday game at King of Glory.