

**Dallas Bridge Association Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting 09/17/25**

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

The August minutes were approved.

Ed Yetter provided the financial reports, which were approved.

As of August 31, 2025 the unit has total cash assets of \$52,281.87. There is \$4733.83 in the checking account and \$47,548.04 in the Fidelity investment account, after moving \$5,000 from the Fidelity account to the checking account to ensure all expenses can be paid.

The August 31 financial statements do not include any of the proceeds from the Labor Day Regional which will be booked in September. It also does not include some expenses that have not yet been finalized. Ed reports that our net income from the Regional, once all revenue and expenses are booked, will be \$8,868.33. This is slightly better than last year and includes the costs for purchasing the new stickers and convention card holders.

The deposit from the ACBL is expected to be \$34,464.03. This normally is received either the first or second Thursday after the tournament.

Bill Driscoll and Bob Holliday presented the member communications report.

Date	Reads	Percent Read	Clicks on Links	Unsubs	Spam	Bounces	Topic
08/06/25	580	52.30%	16	0	0	0	8/8 Last date for \$109 rate at Regional
08/20/25	640	57.80%	38	3	0	1	Dallas Labor Day Regional 8/27-9/1
08/25/25	634	57.40%	38	0	0	1	Labor Day Regional, Unit Game Sunday
08/25/25	623	56.40%	42	1	0	1	Unit Game Sunday 9/7 KOG
09/03/25	664	59.70%	77	0	0	1	Sept. Newsletter

There are currently 1113 recipients on the DBA mailing list. Upcoming emails will focus on upcoming unit games, the Fall Sectional and the Holiday Party. Readership is somewhat lower during the Summer.

The September/October Scorecard is due 10/15.

Bill Higgins presented the membership report for August.

The unit had 2 new member in July, 10 members were reinstated and 2 member transferred in. Three members became unpaid and none became inactive. The unit membership is now 1238 which is an increase of 2 over July.

Mary Chaffin reports that we are currently at 133% of our retention goal for the 3rd quarter. This puts us on target to receive the maximum amount of the ACBL reimbursement.

Cheryl Rider presented an Equipment report.

Valarie Remmers has agreed to assist with an inventory of current supplies and equipment. This inventory will take place sometime during the next few weeks.

The Richardson Women's Club is holding their annual Bridge Extravaganza on September 25-26. They will again borrow 30 tables and 120 bidding boxes for this event. Chuck Eastin will not be available to deliver and pick up this year. The supplies and tables need to be delivered on Wednesday, September 24. John Redfern and Ed Yetter will handle pick up and delivery.

Connie Scott led a discussion of 2025 tournaments.

Labor Day Regional – The reviews for the Labor Day Regional were mostly positive. Table counts were up slightly from last year. There were some complaints that the food & beverage provided was inadequate and that there wasn't enough chocolate in the candy bowl.

Connie Scott provided a flyer from the upcoming Kansas City Regional. This tournament is offering a hot lunch every day, free coffee and donuts in the morning and a complimentary happy hour all included with an entry fee of \$22.00 Ed Yetter will have discussions with the Renaissance to see what might be possible and affordable.

Fall Sectional – The flyer and schedule are posted on the ACBL website. Ed Yetter will print flyers and have them available for the clubs.

Randy Eads will be the photographer and Gerrie Owen is scheduling the caddies.

Connie Scott presented a Unit Game report.

The next unit game is October 5 at King of Glory and is sponsored by Valley View Bridge Club. All the other unit games are scheduled. The following unit game will be held on Nov. 16 The Holiday Party will be held on 12/14. It will be held at King of Glory Church. Members will be asked to bring a holiday dessert for hospitality. It will be sponsored by Friendly Bridge Club and will be the final day of the Metroplex STAC.

Truett Cates presented an Intermediate/Newcomer report

The Mentor/Mentee program is still running. There are new mentee names on the sign-up form. Truett will match those names with mentors where possible, but we need more mentors to sign up. Bill Driscoll will include a solicitation for more mentors in the October newsletter.

Connie Scott presented a Nominating Committee report

The nominating committee must consist of 2 board members and 3 non-board members. Mary Chaffin and Jackie Brown have volunteered to co-chair the committee. They will find other members

for the committee and start soliciting potential candidates. They hope to provide a slate of candidates for approval to the board by the October board meeting.

New Business

Norman Beck joined the meeting to discuss a situation that occurred at the Regional. The Board took the issue under advisement and will look into it further.

The October meeting will be Wednesday, October 15 at 10:00 AM, prior to the Wednesday game at King of Glory.