

**Dallas Bridge Association Board of Directors  
Minutes of Meeting 10/15/25**

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

**The September minutes were approved.**

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

As of September 30, 2025 the unit has total cash assets of \$80,260.78 There is \$32,475.68 in the checking account and \$47,785.10 in the Fidelity investment account. All invoices and payments from the Labor Day Regional have been booked.

For 2025 the unit is currently running \$9,417.28 over the budgeted net income through September. This is primarily due to strong performance of our Sectional tournaments. The Regional came in almost exactly on budget. The unit net income for the year through September is \$27,634 better than 2024 mainly due to improved table counts for all of our events and the added expense in 2024 from the trailer theft.

**Bill Driscoll and Bob Holliday presented the member communications report.**

<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>Topic</b>
09/03/25	664	59.70%	77	0	0	1	Sept. Newsletter
09/16/25	624	56.20%	35	0	0	1	Unit Game 10/5, Fall Sectional 10/29
09/24/25	639	57.60%	31	0	0	2	Unit Game 10/5, Fall Sectional 10/29 Unit Board Election
09/28/25	644	58.10%	43	2	0	3	Unit Game Sunday 9/7 KOG
10/02/25	675	59.30%	69	0	0	5	Sept. Newsletter
10/10/25	621	54.70%	27	2	0	6	Unit Game 10/5, Fall Sectional 10/29 Unit Board Election

There are currently 1141 recipients on the DBA mailing list. This is an increase of 28 from the previous month, likely due to adding guest memberships from the Regional to the mailing list.

Upcoming emails will focus on upcoming unit games, the Fall Sectional, the Holiday Party and Dorsey Shaw's Birthday Party.

The November/December Scorecard article has been submitted.

Bill Driscoll will be out from 10/20-Nov 6. David Sterner will submit the November newsletter.

**Bill Higgins presented the membership report for August.**

The unit had 1 new member in September, no members were reinstated and 4 member transferred in. Two members became unpaid and 14 became inactive. The unit membership is now 1225 which is a decrease of 13 from September.

**Cheryl Rider presented an Equipment report.**

Cheryl, Ed Yetter, John Redfern and Valarie Remmers conducted an inventory of the inside storage and organized the contents. Equipment responsibilities at the Fall Sectional went well.

**Connie Scott led a discussion of 2026 tournaments.**

Labor Day Regional – Ed Yetter presented a proposal that would allow a significantly higher level of Food & Beverage investment. The proposal includes increasing the entry fee to \$18 per session and partnering with the Renaissance on a higher credit for exceeding the room commitment in exchange for a higher F&B commitment. Ed will present the proposal to the Renaissance and see if they can support it.

The board approved a common schedule for 2026 Sectionals. The sectional's will have Bracketed Swiss on Wednesday and Thursday and Open Swiss on Friday and Saturday. The entry fee will be \$15.00. Ed will obtain the schedule approval and submit the schedule and flyers to the ACBL.

**Jackie Brown presented a Unit Game report.**

The next unit game is November 16 at King of Glory and is sponsored by Friendly Bridge Club. 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.

Jackie presented possible dates for 2026 unit games. The board approved the following dates: 1/18, 2/15, 3/8, 4/19. 5/3, 6/14, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/11, 11/15 and 12/13. Valarie and Gerrie are working on the sponsorship allocation between the 2 clubs.

**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. Ed Yetter will redistribute the results from the Mentor/Mentee survey.

**Mary Chaffin and Jackie Brown presented a Nominating Committee report**

The Nominating Committee presented 5 candidates for the 2026 unit board election: Bob Holliday (incumbent), Cheryl Brunson, Darlene Campbell, Ruth Nelson and Judy Wood. The board approved the slate of candidates. The candidates will submit a photo and bio to Ed Yetter who will create a poster that will be available for the Fall Sectional. Three copies of the poster will be created for the 3 largest bridge clubs. Ed will also update the website.

Voting will be held December 8, 2025 to January 9, 2026.

**Scott Nason provided a District 16 update.**

The District Meeting was held during Labor Day Regional.

Membership continues a slow decline. Some units are not participating in the 5-5-5 retention program. The District is encouraging wider participation. Our unit is fully participating and doing very well.

The Fort Worth unit requested to be allowed to schedule more local sectionals. A resolution was approved to increase the number of sectionals by one, to a total of 5.

An article was submitted to the ACBL Bulletin which was published in its entirety, but the same article was edited for the District Scorecard and the author was not informed. The author was unhappy with the edits and the District board discussed the situation. The board decided the Scorecard editor will maintain final editing decisions but will endeavor to communicate edits to the author whenever possible. Due to scheduling and other factors the Scorecard editor will not commit to communicating all edits to the author.

Scott's term as the unit representative ends on Nov 1 of this year. The board selected Ed Yetter to be the unit representative starting in 2026.

**New Business**

Nominations for the Good Will Committee are due in December.

**The November meeting will be Wednesday, November 19 at 10:00 AM, prior to the Wednesday game at King of Glory.**