

**Dallas Bridge Association Board of Directors  
Minutes of Meeting 11/19/25**

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

**The October minutes were approved.**

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

As of October 31, 2025 the unit has total cash assets of \$73,879.72 There is \$25,963.32 in the checking account and \$47,916.51 in the Fidelity investment account. This includes the \$4,000 payment to Lovers Lane United Methodist Church for the Fall Sectional. The revenue from the Fall Sectional will be booked in November.

For 2025 the unit is currently running \$2851.22 over the budgeted net income through October. The unit net income for the year through September is \$19,905.10 better than 2024 mainly due to improved table counts for all of our events and the added expense in 2024 from the trailer theft.

Ed Yetter presented a proposed 2026 budget based on 2025 results. The board approved the budget. Ed Yetter will update the 2026 budget in Quickbooks for 2026 reports.

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

Date	Reads	Percent Read	Clicks on Links	Unsubs	Spam	Bounces	Topic
10/10/25	643	56.70%	33	2	0	6	Unit Game 11/8, Fall Sectional 10/29 Unit Board Election
10/17/25	644	56.80%	39	1	0	3	Unit Game 11/8 Fall Sectional 10/29 Unit Board Election
10/29/25	635	56.10%	39	1	0	1	Unit Game 11/8, Fall Sectional 10/29 Unit Board Election
11/03/25	638	59.80%	84	2	0	2	November Newsletter
11/11/25	614	54.20%	35	1	0	1	Unit Game 11/26

There are currently 1123 recipients on the DBA mailing list. This is a decrease of 18 from the previous month, likely due to expiration of guest memberships from the Regional. Upcoming emails will focus on the Unit Holiday Party on 12/14, The Unit Board Election and the Winter Sectional.

Mary Chaffin is taking over the Communication responsibility for 2026, as Bill Driscoll is leaving the Board.

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

The unit had 4 new member in October, 1 member was reinstated and 3 member transferred in. Eight members became unpaid and 18 became inactive. The unit membership is now 1211 which is a decrease of 14 from September.

Currently our 5-5-5 progress for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is at 75% but will reach 100% before the end of the quarter.

**Cheryl Rider presented an Equipment report.**

John Redfern will assume Equipment Manager duties for the Fall Sectional. Ed Yetter will ensure John has access to the storage unit and delivers the supplies for the tournament. He and Cheryl will ensure John has the necessary keys to access the storage unit going forward.

**Connie Scott led a discussion of the 2025 Fall Sectional.**

The table count was 318, a decrease from 2024 when the table count was 359. However 2024 included an I/N Regional. The board decided to request another IN Regional for Fall 2026.

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

The November Unit Game had 19 tables in the Open game and 5 tables in the 499er game.

The next unit game is the Holiday Party/STAC game on December 14 at King of Glory and is sponsored by Friendly Bridge Club. It will be held at King of Glory Church. Members will be asked to bring a holiday dessert for hospitality. The board approved door prizes of free plays and bottles of wine. Jackie will order the prizes.

The dates for the 2026 unit games are set, but Jackie is still waiting on VVBC and Friendly to decide which they are each going to host. The January Unit Game will be hosted by Valley View Bridge Club.

**Truett Cates presented an Intermediate/Newcomer report**

Jackie Brown agreed to assist Truett to match up current outstanding mentor requests.

**Jackie Brown presented a Nominating Committee report**

The posters for the upcoming election are distributed to the clubs and was also available at the Fall Sectional. She also has notes from her work on the nominating committee including a list of other potential candidates. Voting will be held December 8, 2025 to January 9, 2026.

**New Business**

The board approved providing gift cards to Sue Greims for her work on the Table Talk Newsletter and to Deborah Chockley for her work sending sympathy cards throughout the year.

The Metroplex STAC will take place at the Clubs December 12-14, concluding on Sunday, December 14 at the Unit Holiday Party.

**The January meeting will be Tuesday, January 13 at Mary Chaffin's home at 5765 Prestwick Ln, Dallas TX. Lunch at 11:30 with the board meeting following. Both new and retiring board members are invited.**