

**Dallas Bridge Association Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting 02/12/25**

Attendees: Mary Chaffin, Bill Driscoll, Connie Scott, Truett Cates, Bob Holliday, Bill Higgins, Paul Taylor, Cheryl Rider and Jackie Brown were present. No members were absent. The February meeting was held at King of Glory Church.

The January minutes were approved.

Ed Yetter provided the financial reports, which were approved.

As of January 31, 2025 the unit has total cash assets of \$67,123.86. There is \$20,875.09 in the checking account and \$46,248.77 in the Fidelity investment account.

For January, most of the costs for the January Sectional have already been booked but the revenue won't be booked until February. .

Bill Driscoll and Bob Holliday presented the member communications report.

Date	Reads	Percent Read	Clicks on Links	Unsubs	Spam	Bounces	Topic
01/07/25	649	56.30%	65	1	0	1	Online Voting Unit Game 1/12/24
01/14/25	695	60.30%	43	1	0	1	Board Election Results, Winter Sectional
01/21/25	681	59.30%	43	0	0	2	Winter Sectional
01/27/25	642	55.80%	43	0	0	1	Winter Sectional
02/04/25	608	52.90%	85	0	0	0	February Newsletter
02/08/25	644	56.00%	27	1	0	1	Unit Game Sun Feb 23

The large number of bounces in early December was found to be related to certain email domains and was corrected within a week.

Upcoming emails will focus on the February 23 and March 16 Unit Games, the Spring Sectional April 30-May 1, the GNT regional finals and the Labor Day Regional. The March/April Scorecard article is due February 15.

Bill Higgins presented the membership report for January,

The unit had 3 new members in January and 5 were reinstated. Two members transferred in and 3 members became inactive. Twenty-four members went into unpaid status in January. The unusually large number of unpaid members in January may be related to the fact that a very large number of memberships came up for renewal in January. This should result in a large number of reinstatements next month.

Cheryl Rider presented a report on Equipment issues.

Several members have asked about the SAYC yellow convention cards. Cheryl will order some and have them available at the Spring sectional.

Connie Scott led a discussion of 2025 tournaments.

The Winter Sectional was a success. Attendance was solid each day. Connie provided a spreadsheet tracking attendance at each of our tournaments. The 2025 Winter Sectional did not exceed 2024 but did surpass both the 2024 Spring and Memorial Day Sectionals. Both Bracketed and Stratified Swiss games were well attended, with the stratified games actually achieving slightly better attendance.

The Board discussed the 2025 Spring Sectional and made the following decisions:

- Once again the team game will be split between Bracketed Swiss on Wednesday & Friday and Stratified Open Swiss on Thursday & Saturday.
- The Board discussed several different starting times but eventually decided to run the games at 10:00 and 2:30 because the GNT District Finals have already posted their schedule with these times.
- There was noticeable attendance from the Arlington DBC and the board would like to once again solicit their support and would pay them to close their club during the tournament. Ed Yetter will reach out to the Arlington contact and see if they would want to do this again.

Connie is still working on the 2025 Tournament Committee and will finalize it soon and submit it to the Board.

Jackie Brown presented a unit game report.

The unit games for 2025 are all scheduled but the April game scheduled for April 7 conflicts with the GNT district finals in Houston. The board voted to move the April unit game to April 13.

Truett Cates presented an Intermediate/Newcomer Report.

There has been good response to the sign-up invitation for the Mentor/Mentee program by both mentors and mentees. The next step is to match the mentors and mentees and send out letters so they can begin playing. The Mentor/Mentee committee will meet in McKinney following the Tuesday game on February 18 to match the players. Truett will send out the emails to both mentors and mentees after this meeting

Scott Nason presented a District 16 New Update

Scott reports that each of our award recipients were recognized at the Houston Regional.

The 5-5-5 program results show that there are only 4 units actively participating, including Dallas.

The District approved a \$25,000 subsidy for the 2027 Dallas NABC, Tomi Storey and Scott Nason are the co-chairs.

Margo Hennings is the new President of the ACBL.

The readership statistics for the online Scorecard are poor. Some units have asked for printed copies. The District authorized a \$25 reimbursement per quarter to cover some of the cost of printing the Scorecard.

District membership continues to decline slowly.

Scott confirmed the 2025 North American Pairs stipends for attending the Nationals as follows:

(Awards are per player)

Overall winners in each flight: \$700

Second place in each flight: \$500

Third place in each flight: (if attendance warrants 3 pairs advancing) \$300

Fourth place in each flight (if attendance warrants 4 pairs advancing) \$200

Scott requested that we put a link to the District Lecture Series on our website. Lectures can be attended live or recordings are available afterward. Ed Yetter will take care of this.

The March meeting will be Tuesday, March 11 in McKinney following the 10:00 McKinney Tuesday game.