

Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
February, 2009

The February 2009 NVBA Board meeting was held on Tuesday, February 3, at Jim Dick's office in Springfield. Those attending were: President Leo Cardillo, Vice President Alan Breed, Treasurer Livingston Johnson, Secretary Marge Gazzola, Board members Jim Dick and Herb Fallin, and Newsletter Liaison Lucy McCoy. Ron Kral, Jennifer Nisenoff and Bruce Houston were absent. Leo called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Old Business

Minutes: Jim made a motion to accept the November 2008 minutes, Livingston seconded and the motion carried. There were no Board meetings in December or January.

Treasurer's Report

Livingston distributed an updated Unit Game report that showed average number of tables as 27 in 2006/2007, 29.5 in 2007/2008 and 31.4 so far in 2008/2009. He also distributed a balance sheet reporting \$30,495 in total equity, and a Profit and Loss Previous year Comparison report. Board members discussed several line items on the P&L report, including Sectional food and beverage where the number listed appeared to be too high. The Board also discussed the need for a "Functional" financial report. Livingston told the Board that he had sent 1099's to Marshall, Gene, David and Julianne. Leo has the Unit's copy of QuickBooks(Livingston has his own). Leo said that he had assigned passwords for the Wachovia and other NVBA accounts.

President's Report

Online Partnership Desk: We have received \$150 in back payments for the online partnership desk from WBL. The Board agreed to discontinue use of the online partnership desk after the current paid year expires in March. Lucy will inform Margot about removing references to the website from Sectional flyers in the future.

Mini-McKenney Medals: Leo had not ordered the Mini-McKenney medals for the Annual Meeting, but they were sent to Livingston(We're not sure who sent them). Ace of Clubs certificates will come from the ACBL later.

Schedule: Alan will check availability of the First Presbyterian Church for the April 9 and May 28 Unit Games, when Beth El is not available. The rent will probably be \$125.

Elections: Leo reminded the Board that five Board positions are up for re-election this year, including the President and the Secretary, and that we need to identify candidates for these five positions soon. We may not have the names and biographical information in time to publish in the next NVBA Newsletter. It was agreed that this is acceptable, and that they will be available in time for the Annual Meeting in May. It is expected that this will be an uncontested election.

NABC Naming Event: Margot Hennings, NABC Chair, has requested that the NVBA donate \$500 of the \$2,000 we have committed to the July 2009 NABC toward naming an event. The Board discussed naming possibilities and selected Bette Dudka as our honoree.

Tournament Issues: Leo pointed out that, since our Tournament Chair is not a Board member, we need a "Sectional Representative", and he has appointed Jennifer to that position. The Board discussed several issues concerning duplication of boards for the Friday evening barometer event at the upcoming Sectional. We will pay someone from WBL \$12 for each set of duplicated boards. Leo told the Board that we will soon need to buy more tables. We have 52 at Beth El and about 80 at the Elks, but this is barely sufficient due to growth in both Sectionals and the Unit Game.

Guaranteed Partner(GP) Program: Leo reported that it has become increasingly difficult to recruit volunteer GPs for the Unit Game by giving them free plays, and we need to increase the incentive for GPs. The Board agreed that we will pay GPs \$8 even if they don't play. If they do play, they play for free and also get the \$8.

199er Birthday Party: Ron wanted the Board to know that he has planned and publicized the 5th annual "Birthday Party" for all 199er players that will be held at the Unit Game on February 12.

Next Board Meeting: Members discussed options for March and April meeting dates and agreed on Tuesday, March 3 and Tuesday April 7, locations to be decided later.

Vice President's Report

Alan reminded the Board that our budget was approved in October, and that everyone in the Unit who spends the Unit's funds should have a copy of the budget, line item by line item, and should know the amount budgeted for their area so they'll know if they're overspending. We need to identify all the members who spend and ask them about their

projected expenses for next year. Over the last nine months, the Unit shows a net loss of about \$1,100, but we are ahead on Unit Game receipts and our Sectionals have been increasingly profitable.

Leo adjourned the regular meeting at 9:15. There was a short executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gazzola, Secretary