

Northern Virginia Bridge Association  
Board of Director Meeting Minutes  
November 5, 2012

ATTENDEES: Mike Cappelletti, President  
Ron Kral, Vice-President  
Alan Dockterman, Secretary  
Amanda Carter, Board Member  
Betty Bursey, Board Member  
Sheryl McEwan, Board Member  
Leo Cardillo, Board Member  
Lynne Beresford, Board Member  
Livingston Johnson, Unit Game Director  
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Liaison

CALL TO ORDER: The President called November Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:13 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2012 at the Tyson's-Pimmit Regional Library in Falls Church, Va.

**Secretary's Report**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October Board of Directors' meeting which were approved unanimously upon the motion of Lynne Beresford, seconded by Ron Kral. Alan stated that ACBL reported nine members had left the unit in the last month and one had transferred in. The unit acquired seven new members. The Board discussed the possible need for a separate sanction for the western unit game and the advisability of moving the game to a different night than Thursday.

**Treasurer's Report**

Lynda reported that the NVBA had a profit through October of approximately \$18,000, but that figure does not include deductions of \$5000-\$6000 reflecting outstanding checks to District Six, the Elks, two club directors and a few miscellaneous expenses. She provided the Board members by electronic mail the last three months of bank statements and the profit and loss statement. She also stated that the Unit would soon be phasing out its accounts at Wells Fargo and transferring them to Northwest Federal Credit Union. She has almost completed the paperwork to transfer the information to the accountant for the audit of the 2011 fiscal year. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved upon the motion of Leo Cardillo, seconded by Mike.

**Other Items of Business**

1. The Board discussed the Holiday Party set for December 13, 2012. Picante will again be the caterer with a budget of \$1000 (which amount shall include any tips to its staff). The Board unanimously approved Leo's

motion, seconded by Amanda, that entry fees for NVBA members be waived for the event. This will be announced on the NVBA website. It was also recognized that there will continue to be a \$10.00 charge for all participants who attend the game but do not bring a side dish or dessert. Club Liaison Lynne Beresford agreed to contact club directors to identify nominees for the Dave Murray Award.

2. The Board discussed the need for additional tables due to the poor condition of some tables and the increase in participation at major Unit events. The Board unanimously passed Mike's motion, seconded by Alan, to authorize the purchase of ten more tables.

3. Bridge in Schools Coordinator Sheryl McEwan reported that the Bridge in Schools program was progressing well. The Board discussed the need to obtain an oral or written release from students before they are identified by name in publicity about the program.

4. Unit Game Manager Leo reported that the Unit games have been running smoothly and that the members have recently been volunteering to handle hospitality. It was noted that the Unit needs to find an alternate venue for its September 5, 2013 game. Leo agreed to contact various sites. Ron presented the members a list of twenty-one mass emailings to be sent out in the next year to all NVBA members notifying them of important events

5. The Board discussed information from Sectional Tournament Chair (TC) Margot Hennings that the Elks would be raising their Sunday sandwich fees from \$6.00 to \$7.00. Based on prior experience, she estimated that the additional cost would run about \$100 per tournament. She recommended that the cost be absorbed by the Unit rather than passed on to players. The motion of Leo, seconded by Mike, to accept her recommendation, was passed unanimously.

6. The Board also discussed the TC's request that the Board hold two regionally-rated sessions at each sectional. These could take place as two sessions on one day or as one session on two different days. Ron made a motion, seconded by Mike, that (i) the TC shall be granted the discretion to determine the sectional or sectionals during which the regionally rated sessions/games would occur; (ii) the additional cost of \$1.00 per person be absorbed by the unit and not the players; (iii) each session/game be identified as benefitting a Grass Roots FUNdgame; and (iv) the monies be designated for the Grass Roots FUNd, one of the options for designation of funds acceptable to the ACBL. It passed unanimously.

7. The Board also passed unanimously the motion of Leo, seconded by Alan, to designate the December 20, 2012 Unit Game as a Grass Roots

FUNd game. The additional \$1.00 collected from the players will be collected and sent into ACBL and returned to District 6 by March 31, 2013 to be used for the NAP and GNT programs.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2012 at Starbucks, 9863 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA. NVBA members are invited to attend. Upon the motion of Lynne, seconded by Betty, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary