

Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
July 25, 2006

The combined July-August NVBA Board meeting was held at Pistone's Restaurant. Officers and Directors attending were: Leo Cardillo, Margot Hennings, Dale Dallaire, Marjorie Gazzola, Kathryn Kiley, John Mason, Paul Krueger, Unit Game Director Marshall Kuschner, Youth Advisor Jennifer Lin and NVBA Newsletter Liaison Lucy McCoy. Ron Kral and Carole Grob were absent. President Cardillo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes John made a motion to accept the minutes for June 2006, Paul seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

In-and-Out Report Margot made a motion to accept the In-and-Out and Quip Reports for June 2006, Paul seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Reports: Treasurer Dale Dallaire presented the following reports to the Board:

NVBA Trial Balance as of July 23, 2006
NVBA Balance Sheet as of July 23, 2006
NVBA Profit & Loss(4 reports)
NVBA Unit Game(3 reports)

Dale reported that she had discussed with ACBL the free insurance they have offered to units, and she recommended that the Board accept this insurance. Dale will review the NVBA's current insurance policies, which the Board agreed we should retain even if we accept the ACBL's insurance.

Dale has developed a detailed "free play" form which will help her and the Directors to better quantify monies taken in at the Unit Game.

The Unit agreed that Dale and John can use KOCH facilities for their Friday 10 a. m. game during the upcoming NVBA Sectional on September 8. They will pay their usual \$100 rental fee. Arlene Gray, club manager for the Lyon Park Friday morning game, will be notified in case she too would like to hold her game at KOCH on that date.

President's Report

Conduct and Ethics(C&E): Leo has not been able to communicate with Recorder Jeff Roman about setting up the Assistant Recorder position.

Partnership Chair: Mary Ann Kral has offered to serve as Partnership Chair at NVBA Sectionals. John Mason will cover July 27 Unit Game partnerships.

0-5 Game: The Board discussed whether we should expand this game to 0-20. No decision was reached.

Unit Game Proposals: The Board discussed two proposals presented to Leo by NVBA member Eric Poskanzer. The first, to change the stratification of the Unit Game, was not accepted, but the Board agreed that Eric's second proposal, to record content from the classes presented prior to the Unit Game and post it on the NVBA website, was an excellent suggestion. Eric has agreed to take notes, have them refined and approved by the lecturers, then forward the class notes to the Webmaster for posting.

Goodwill nominations: Leo asked Board members to forward to him names of individuals they would like to nominate for the ACBL Goodwill committee.

Member Directory: Leo suggested that we drop the online member directory, which is out-of-date, and that we obtain the latest data from the ACBL and print soft copies for NVBA members from time to time. One problem with an online directory is that some members do not want their addresses and/or their email addresses available online. Ron Kral's son Tim has offered to submit a proposal for updating the NVBA member database and preparing it for printing. A motion to ask Tim to submit the proposal was put forth by John, seconded by Margot and passed by the Board. Leo will contact Tim Kral.

Free Play Policy: The Board discussed the issue of whether those who receive free plays should pay the surcharge, usually \$2, above the basic Unit Game \$7 charge. The surcharge has not been imposed on players recently. However, the NVBA "Policies and Procedures" manual states on page 15 that additional fees will be paid by the player using the free play. Section 26.7, page 38 should be updated to reflect that surcharges will be paid by all those receiving free plays except the Guaranteed Partners. The current NAP fee is \$1, but we have been collecting a \$2 surcharge. The Board agreed to continue the \$2 charge through the current NAP period, then change it to \$1 at the beginning of the NAP period next year.

Vice-President's Report:

Alexandria Regional Tournament June 28-July 4: Vice President and Tournament Co-Chair Margot Hennings reported that attendance at the Regional was up this year, mostly in the Intermediate/Novice(I/N) area.

Letters to I/N Players: Margot reported that I/N Program/Publicity Chair Ron Kral would like to send personalized thank you letters to all of the 0-200 players who played in the upstairs I/N games at the Regional. WBL President Fred King also is in favor of this project at a cost of \$250/300 per unit. The WBL Board will meet July 26 and will decide whether to participate. The Board agreed there is great potential benefit in sending these letters. Margot moved that we do so, Dale seconded the motion, and the Board voted to send the letters with the caveat that the WBL also participate.

Other Chair Reports

Youth Advisor: NVBA Youth Advisor Jennifer Lin told the Board about the World Junior Bridge Camp in Slovakia July 3-10 that she, David Banh and Robert Brady attended. She will give Lucy a report on the camp for publication in the NVBA Newsletter. Jennifer also reported that the ACBL is not funding World University teams as they did previously, and that the USA is not participating in all world events. Jennifer is involved in fund-raising efforts for these teams.

Secretary: Secretary Marge Gazzola reported that she had spoken with Nancy Gamber, club manager of the Army Navy Country Club(ANCC) game, about their September 14 Gold Matchpoint game, which is scheduled on the same night as the Unit Game Gold Matchpoint game. She told Nancy that the Board has approved the ANCC Goldpoint game this year, but may not do so in the future. Nancy said that this year is the last time that ANCC will schedule a Thursday night Gold Matchpoint game.

Statistician: NVBA Statistician Paul Krueger reported that some issues he has been looking at are how many of the NVBA's approximately 1,500 members are actually playing, the geographic distribution of membership around the Northern Virginia area, and the best location for the Unit Game and Regionals. Paul will inform the board as he develops this information further, and he would like to have our ideas.

New Business

The next NVBA Board meeting will be on Monday, September 11, at Pistone's Restaurant. President Cardillo adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gazzola, Secretary