

Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
November 6, 2006

The November 2006 NVBA Board meeting was held upstairs at Pistone's Restaurant. Officers and Directors attending were: Leo Cardillo, Margot Hennings, Marge Gazzola, Ron Kral, John Mason, Kathryn Kiley, Paul Krueger, Unit Game Director Marshall Kuschner, and Newsletter Liaison Lucy McCoy. Dale Dallaire and Carole Grob were absent. President Cardillo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business

Minutes: John made a motion that we accept the minutes from October 2006, Ron seconded and the motion carried. Paul made a motion to accept the October 2006 Unit 218 In-and-Out Reports, Ron seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dale Dallaire suffered a serious leg fracture last week, so she could not prepare reports for tonight's meeting.

President's Report

Conduct and Ethics(C&E): There has been no action to date on establishing the Assistant Recorder position.

ACBL Goodwill nominations: Leo will submit former NVBA Youth Advisor Jennifer Lin's name as our Unit's candidate. Jenny has moved to Maryland.

Member Directory: The Board discussed some ways to acquire basic reformatting software for a new directory. The cost to print a directory should be about one dollar for each copy. We would not include email addresses. Another suggestion was that we place the ACBL database online and let members access and print it themselves.

Bridge at Schools: There are about 16 tables of students playing 2 hours a week at the TJ Friday afternoon bridge club. Some of them may play in the 0-5 game at the Sectional on Saturday.

Venues: John is continuing negotiations with St Katherine Greek Orthodox Church officials about the possibility of renting space for NVBA Sectionals and for his Friday game. He has been unsuccessful so far. It was suggested that a letter from the NVBA

containing a proposal might force the issue. Leo has met with a representative from First Presbyterian Church about September 2007 rentals for the Unit Game and Carole will follow up.

Mid-Chart Conventions: The Board agreed that mid-chart convention use will remain as stated in the NVBA Policies and Procedures, and will be corrected on the next Sectional flyer.

ACBL Insurance Policy: ACBL reported that 98% of units accepted the free insurance they offered, and recommends having only one policy. The NVBA has two policies, and we should reconsider whether the ACBL policy alone might be adequate. This issue will wait until Dale returns.

NVBA Credit Card and Cell Phone: The Board continued its previous discussions concerning acquiring an NVBA credit card and a cell phone. Leo has explored cell phone plans and recommends that we get a cell phone with a plan that will cost about \$30 per month. He will send information to Board members. Paul moved that we get an NVBA credit card(not a debit card), which is needed to pay for the cell phone, Marge seconded the motion and the motion carried. The issue of whether this should be a “business” credit card is unresolved. Paul also moved that the NVBA get a unit cell phone, John seconded and that motion carried.

2008 Regional: District Six has asked for the name of the 2008 NVBA Regional tournament chair. So far no one has expressed interest in this position. Margot will contact the Reston hotel and verify that contracts for 2008 and 2011 are still in place. Policies and procedures for Regionals can be found at MABC.org.

Vice-President's Report:

NVBA Sectional: Vice President and Tournament CoChair Margot Hennings reported on plans for the upcoming NVBA Sectional at KOCH on November 9-12. Both Margot and Kathryn, Tournament CoChairs, will be out of town during this time, but they have completed the tournament planning and will bring all food and supplies to KOCH on November 9, at the first Sectional game. Lucy McCoy, assisted by Chippy Lackey, has volunteered to handle all food service and cleanup during the Sectional. Since KOCH has discontinued sandwich sales, we'll have to inform players in advance that they must provide their own lunches on Saturday and Sunday. The information will be announced at club games, posted on the NVBA website and included in Steve Robinson's email list. Leo and Mary Ann Kral will handle partnerships. James Sandefur will bring a group of 14-16 Georgetown University students from his bridge class to the 0-5 game on Saturday. Since the TJ players we expected won't be coming, we may not need the upstairs room at KOCH; there should be enough room for lectures downstairs. Doug will direct, and James Sandefur and others will do the “hand-holding” for the new players. A special reception is planned for the 0-5 players, plus handouts and prizes. Ron will give the Saturday 1 pm lecture and the Sunday 10:15 am lecture.

2007 Schedule: Margot passed out copies of three 2007 schedules. There are only minor changes from the previous versions: B and C GNT's, text changes on the 199er schedule, changes to dates of 199er teams vs pairs events and the addition of an address for the First Presbyterian Church. Margot will send final copies to everyone by December 1.

KOCH: Margot reported that starting September 2007 KOCH will not rent to NVBA for Sectionals, so we need to start looking seriously for another venue. We will have the February and April Sectionals at KOCH but the rent is being raised from \$3,000 to \$4,000. Margot will write the contract with KOCH for these two events, inclusive of Thursday night. Margot will also check on KOCH availability for the May Annual Meeting/Picnic, and as a possible Thursday night backup venue. Margot will ask Doug Grove to give us the square footage and parking space required for a Sectional venue. It was also suggested that we let our bridge population know that we're looking for an alternate site in the next Newsletter.

Other Chair Reports

Unit Game Chief Director: Marshall Kushner reported that the October 26 Unit Game was a charity game, and that we need to designate a charity since our ACBL charity obligation was already fulfilled by a previous game. This should be a local charity, and the Meals on Wheels program which is run from the First Presbyterian Church was suggested. Ron proposed that we donate to Meals on Wheels, John seconded and the motion carried. Marshall will be here for only one Thursday this month.

New Business

December Board Meeting: The Board did not meet in December 2005, but decided that we will meet in December 2006. The general feeling among Board members was that the upstairs location in Pistone's main dining room was not satisfactory for Board meetings, so we will meet at members' homes in the future, or look for another regular meeting location. The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, at Leo's home or another location that will be announced. President Cardillo adjourned the regular Board meeting at 8:30 p. m, and an executive session followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gazzola, Secretary