

Northern Virginia Bridge Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
December 11, 2006

The December 2006 NVBA Board meeting was held at the Springfield Golf and Country Club board room, courtesy of Carole Grob. Officers and Directors attending were: Leo Cardillo, Margot Hennings, Dale Dallaire, Marge Gazzola, Carole Grob, Kathryn Kiley, Paul Krueger, Unit Game Director Marshall Kuschner, Newsletter Liaison Lucy McCoy and Education Chair Joanne Pretti. John Mason and Ron Kral were absent. President Cardillo called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

### **Old Business**

*Minutes:* Margot made a motion that we accept the minutes from November 2006, Carole seconded and the motion carried. Carole Grob was recognized for attaining the rank of Gold Life Master.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Dale Dallaire presented the following reports:

- NVBA Profit & Loss (9 reports)
- NVBA 12 Month Rolling P&L (4 reports)
- NVBA Unit Game P&L November 2006
- NVBA Unit Game May through November 2006
- NVBA Balance Sheets as of October 31 and November 30, 2006

It was agreed that three reports are required every month: Income statement, Balance Sheet and a 12-Month Rolling Report. Margot needs Sectional reports and Marshall finds Unit Game reports interesting but not essential. Dale will email a Rolling P&L report through November 2006 to Board members. She needs to be informed when we use the NVBA credit card, and should receive a receipt the next day.

### **President's Report**

*Member Directory:* No activity.

*Sectional Venues:* Board members discussed the critical issue of finding a new venue for September and October 2007 Sectionals since KOCH rentals have become unaffordable. Unfortunately St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Arlington is unavailable when we need it, and their prices are too high. Leo has visited the American

Legion facility on Route 50 in Fairfax County and will continue to explore this venue. NOVA had been mentioned, but it too was expensive and the rooms are small. Marge looked at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188 on Route 50 just outside the Beltway and reported that it seems to be a definite possibility from a space, parking, location and price standpoint. It was agreed that Doug Grove, Chief Sectional Director, Margot and Leo will visit the Elks Lodge on Thursday. Doug will evaluate the Lodge for space and other Sectional requirements. The Board discussed the possibility of shifting dates for the October Sectional, if necessary.

*Newsletter Articles:* Leo will write a notice about the new NVBA cell phone to be printed in the next Newsletter. Margot will write an article about changes to prizes at NVBA Sectionals starting in February. There will be no prizes except for 299 and under games.

*USBF Team Trials:* Dwayne Hoffman suggested that the 2008 USBF open team trials could be held during our 2008 July Regional in Reston. This might benefit the NVBA by bringing in some prominent bridge players and increasing our hotel count. Senior trials will be held at the 2007 WBL Regional in Bethesda next summer. The MABC will decide if it wants to hold the USBF team trials in conjunction with the 2008 Regional.

### **Vice-President's Report:**

*KOCH Contracts:* Vice President and Tournament CoChair Margot Hennings reported that she has two contracts from KOCH for our February and April Sectionals for \$4,000 each. A \$1,000 deposit check is needed by tomorrow. Margot has included inclusive dates and times in the contracts. KOCH has requested \$8,000 rental for the September and October Sectionals, and this doesn't include Thursday night. This amount far exceeds our Sectional budget. KOCH is also asking \$15 per person plus \$1,500 for the hall to hold the NVBA Annual Meeting in May, so we will explore other locations, including Beth El, which is available, for the Annual Meeting this year.

### **Other Chair Reports**

*Unit Game Chief Director:* Marshall Kushner reported that we will start paying our GNT fees as we go. Formerly we paid all GNT fees at the end of the year.

*Education Chair:* Joanne Pretti reported that she and other bridge teachers in the Northern Virginia area need more games where their novice(0-5 MPs) students can play. The Board discussed several possibilities and agreed that we will ask John Mason, Club Liaison, to send emails to club directors asking for their assistance.

*Unit Game Hospitality Co-Chair:* Carole Grob reported that she bought the 20 authorized bridge tables from Target for \$19.95 each, and the Board authorized her to buy 10 more. Carole will bring the tables to Beth El, and we may move some to KOCH.

*Duplicating Machine:* Paul Krueger told the Board about his research on automated dealing machines. He distributed literature about two machines: the Duplimate, manufactured in Sweden (with a local rep in Wilmington, DE), and the Autodealer, developed in Australia and sold through a firm in South Africa. Both manufacturers offer machines that require special boards and bar-coded cards, and require a significant investment in time to operate. An NVBA member has offered to donate \$1,000 toward the cost of acquiring a duplicating machine. Board members discussed this issue at length, and concluded that we don't have enough information for a decision now, also that a comprehensive plan is needed to determine how the machine would be used, if we were to go ahead with the purchase. Paul will continue his research and report back to the Board.

### **New Business**

*January Board Meeting:* The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 8 at a location to be announced, preferably in the Reston or Herndon area. President Cardillo adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:05 p. m, and an executive session followed, ending at 9:40 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gazzola, Secretary