

Northern Virginia Bridge Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
July 11, 2007

The July 2007 NVBA Board meeting was held on Wednesday, July 11, in the side dining room at the Springfield Golf and Country Club. Those attending were: Leo Cardillo, Margot Hennings, Dale Dallaire, Marge Gazzola, Herb Fallin, Bruce Houston, Ron Kral and Carole Grob. Ed Brawn was absent. President Cardillo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Old Business**

*Minutes:* Margot made a motion that we accept the June 2007 minutes, Carole seconded and the motion carried.

*In-and-Out and Quip Reports:* The NVBA currently has 1445 members and the average member age is 64.5 years (the average ACBL age is 68.17). The Board discussed retention of new ACBL members and those with fewer than 50 masterpoints.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Dale Dallaire distributed the following NVBA financial reports:

Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison as of June 30, 2007  
Profit and Loss July 2006 through June 2007  
Profit and Loss May 2007  
Profit and Loss June 2007

The Profit and Loss report for the previous year showed a net loss of \$1,036.41. The numbers for May 2007 showed a \$2,273.35 loss because of expenses for the Annual Meeting and the free LM/NLM game, while June showed a \$21.92 profit. The \$7,680 Sectional prepaid amount is carried as an asset and will be expensed as Sectional rents are paid over the next year and a half.

**President's Report**

*Election of D6 Rep:* President Leo Cardillo reported that we have a contested election this year for the District Six representative to the ACBL. Nadine Wood, the D6 incumbent, and Mike Cappelletti are running. Leo will invite both of them to attend our August 27 meeting to present their platforms. It would be helpful if they could also write

something for us ahead of time. Board members will vote for the District 6 Director at the August meeting.

*Dealing Machine:* Our Unit Technology Chair, Paul Krueger, is in South Africa for several months, so Leo has spoken to WBL President Fred King about using the WBL's spare "Florida" dealing machine. Steve Robinson will petition Dennis in Australia to let the NVBA have this machine. Carole will keep the dealing machine at her home, where she and Eugene Schuyler can use it.

*Directory and Trifold:* We plan to produce a joint Directory with the WBL this fall, in time for distribution to members at the Holiday Party. The joint WBL-NVBA trifold "Play Bridge in the Washington Area" is ready for community-wide distribution, and Leo has extra copies available.

*D6 Regional Chair:* Board members Dale Dallaire and Carole Grob have volunteered to co-chair the July 2008 Regional at Reston. The schedule should be ready for distribution in time for the November 2007 Virginia Beach Regional. The Board discussed the possibility of a "tri-chair" but felt that responsibility would be too dispersed.

*D6 Meeting:* Leo attended the D6 meeting at the Bethesda Regional on July 7. He reported to Board members that the ACBL is trying to sell their building in Memphis but have been unsuccessful so far. The new directors' course and the TAP classes at the Bethesda Regional were both successful. Monies from the February STAC are in but haven't been distributed yet. Leo is on the D6 executive committee with 3 other representatives. MABC reps are up for election in November, and GNT dates are approaching. Ron Kral raised some questions about stipends for the GNT.

*Unit Game Directors:* The Board discussed and voted on some changes to Unit Game Directors' titles and compensation, which will be reflected in Sections 26.3, 26.4 and 26.5 of the Policies & Procedures Manual. Two new positions, Deputy Chief Director and Novice Director, have been created. Under the new policies, the Chief Director will be paid up to \$100, as currently, a substitute director will be paid the same as the Chief Director, the Deputy Chief Director will be paid \$70, the Novice Director will be paid \$50, and a helper or assistant will be paid \$25. These changes were proposed by Carole, Herb seconded, and the motion passed, 7 votes for to 1 vote opposed. The Board then discussed how other committees and committee chairs have been functioning. Herb made the suggestion that each Board member oversee a group of committees.

## **Vice President's Report**

*Sectionals:* Vice President Margot Hennings reported that she hasn't been able to schedule a meeting with the Elks manager to finalize some issues about tables and food at the NVBA September Sectional but expects to meet next week. Lowell Sawyer has offered to move the tables from KOCH to the Elks. We have alerted clubs at KOCH that we would move the tables at any time after August 1, but we don't have a definite date yet. There will be a 2008 WBL-NVBA scheduling meeting at Margot's home on August

26. Margot and Kathryn will not be here to provide food at the October 4 WBL Thursday night Sectional game. Carole and Marge offered to substitute.

**New Business**

*Next Board Meetings:* The Board agreed that the next NVBA Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 27, at the Springfield Golf and Country Club. President Cardillo adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gazzola, Secretary