

Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
April 23, 2008

The April 2008 NVBA Board meeting was held on Wednesday, April 23, at the International Country Club. Those attending were: President Leo Cardillo, Vice President Margot Hennings, Treasurer Dale Dallaire, Secretary Marge Gazzola, Board members Ron Kral, Ed Brawn, Bruce Houston, Herb Fallin, and Newsletter Liaison Lucy McCoy. Board member Carole Grob was absent. President Cardillo called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Old Business

Minutes: Dale made a motion to accept the March minutes as amended, Margot seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Reports: Dale presented the following financial reports to the Board:

- Functional Expense Report May 1, 2007 through April 22, 2008
- Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison as of April 22, 2008
- Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison May 2007 through April 2008
- Unit Game Summary by Month May 2006 thru April 2007
- Unit Game Summary by Month May 1, 2007 through April 22, 2008
- Sectionals by Month May 2006 through April 2007
- NVBA Budget 2008/2009(Draft)

Financial Issues and Budget: At the Annual Meeting in May, the NVBA will report a loss for the previous fiscal year, which includes the purchase of the dealing machine and a new computer. Several cost-cutting measures were taken so that this will not recur. The Board discussed details of the budget and the assumptions upon which it is based. Dale reminded the Board that this budget is just a "first cut". Herb showed the Board some high level charts that he developed for budgeting purposes. He'll update these charts with the latest numbers from Dale's P&L reports to give the Board and the Unit membership a clearer understanding of where our dollars are being spent – Newsletter, free plays, special events, etc.

President's Report

Annual Meeting: Since this is an uncontested election, it will not be necessary to hold an election. Leo reported that the trophies have been engraved and are ready, and that he purchased a case of small “keeper” trophies for \$350, which includes engraving, for use in the future. Ron will buy the cakes decorated with the new life master names from Costco, and will also buy the strawberries and check whether Costco is selling potato salad. Margot will order chicken and coleslaw from Popeye’s and Carole will pick it up. Margot will also order the roast vegetables and Marge will pick them up. Margot will ask Marty Bley if she can provide plates, napkins and silverware. Non-NVBA players will play \$7 for the dinner. We will start locking the cabinet at Beth El because our sodas have been disappearing.

Youth Bridge Donation: Leo reported that Suzanne Abrams has printed forms and will write the membership applications for the youth players she selects to receive ACBL memberships. These memberships are possible because of a \$100 donation by Judy Smith from an NVBA club that closed.

Payment to WBL Member: NVBA and WBL have agreed to pay WBL member Steve Czecha \$25 each in payment for services he performed in 1972.

St Elizabeth’s Donation Request: Jim Dresser, NVBA member and volunteer for the bridge game held for patients at Saint Elizabeth’s Hospital in DC, has asked the Unit for a \$375 donation to pay a director. The Board agreed that monies from our charity game can go to the St Elizabeth’s game, but we may not be able to contribute the entire amount of \$375.

Partnership Website: Leo will contact the WBL to see if they are interested in continuing the NVBA-WBL Partnership Website at a cost of \$200 per year.

WBL Youth Tournament: WBL is holding a Youth Tournament on May 17 and has asked us if we will contribute toward sending the winners to the NABC in Atlanta this summer. Margot called Nadine Wood to see if our donation could be reimbursed from the Bridge in Schools funds, and Nadine said that it would, so the NVBA will contribute.

Youth Advisor: NVBA member Mark Chen has volunteered to be our Youth Advisor.

Membership Secretary: Norma and Matt Pierzchala have resigned as NVBA Membership chairpersons. Ron Kral will handle the technical functions of Membership Secretary until we find someone to take over the position.

QuickBooks: We have the 2004 version of QuickBooks accounting software and it needs to be replaced. The Board agreed that we will purchase the 2008 version for \$359.95 or other software to handle our financial needs.

Vice President’s Report

Sectional: Vice President/Tournament Chair Margot Hennings reported that the April NVBA Sectional was quite successful, with 410 tables. There was, however, a Conduct & Ethics issue which is being handled by WBL because their members were involved. The schedule for the September Sectional is getting ready to go into Tabletalk. There will again be a Triple Nickel Swiss on Friday evening. The Board discussed whether to also have a pairs side game but decided there would not be enough tables. It was also decided to do a Barometer final only for the Poissant Pairs.

NABC Funding: The fund week for Nationals is coming up soon and many local club owners haven't signed up. Margot will again do a mass email to the entire District. Dale offered to call Eugene and Carole. Margot is still trying to get cards for the NABC that can be used on a dealing machine.

Regional Reports

Regional co-chair Dale Dallaire reported that there will be a meeting with Hyatt catering services on April 29th. Shawn Stringer has agreed to run a "Bridge University" at the Regional, and Leslie Shafer will run a teachers' conference. Ron Kral, Regional I/N Co-Chair, reported that he is lining up local speakers for the week. We will do a separate flier for clubs that will have a map and will show parking areas. Ron would like to have about \$1100-1500 to send a mailing to all those who have attended other tournaments within a 100-mile radius. The funds are not available now but may be found.

Technology Report

Ron Kral reported that he has purchased an XP operating system for our new PC at a cost of \$50.

Publicity and I/N Chair's Report

Ron reported that signup sheets for the May 15 LM/NLM game were not put out at the Sectional, and need to be made available at all club games as soon as possible.

New Business

July Board Meeting: There will be no Board meeting in May because of the Annual Meeting. The next NVBA Board meeting will be either June 9 or June 10, and Ron will see if we can meet at the International Country Club again. Leo adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p. m. and it was followed by a short executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gazzola, Secretary