

Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
October, 2008

The October 2008 NVBA Board meeting was held on Tuesday, October 21, at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna. Those attending were: President Leo Cardillo, Vice President Alan Breed, Treasurer Livingston Johnson, Secretary Marge Gazzola, Board members Jennifer Nisenoff, Jim Dick, Bruce Houston, Herb Fallin, Chief Unit Game Director Marshall Kuschner, Newsletter Liaison Lucy McCoy and Education Chair Joanne Pretti. Ron Kral was absent. President Cardillo called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Old Business

Minutes: Bruce made a motion to accept the September 2008 minutes as amended to include changes in Youth Advisor, Seeding Chair and Caddy Chair free plays, Livingston seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Livingston reported that he has bought his own copy of Quickbooks and doesn't want compensation. This frees the Unit copy of Quickbooks to be registered to someone else. He also reported that he has reconciled the Unit bank statement and entered all items since Dale resigned. Livingston then distributed an updated Unit Game report. He will email financial statements to the Board.

Vice President's Budget Report

Alan distributed the Finance Committee's revised report on the NVBA 2008-2009 proposed budget. Page one listed several income and expense changes that were required to bring the budget into a balanced position, or one with a slight surplus(\$1500-\$1700). Page two listed proposals for next year's budget. Livingston moved that we accept the Finance Committee's budget as presented, Bruce seconded and the motion passed. Leo and Board members thanked Alan and the other Finance Committee members, Herb and Jennifer, for their efforts. It was agreed that we need a "functional" report that breaks out income and expenses by Unit Game, Sectionals and G&A.

Insurance Report

Bruce reported the results of his insurance review. NVBA currently has two insurance policies, R V Nuccio's general liability which is paid through 1 May 2009 and the Lipscomb & Pitts' directors' and officers' insurance(\$500 per year) which ACBL has duplicated by offering free insurance to all units. The overall policy offered by ACBL is also from Lipscomb & Pitts. Alan made a motion to not renew our Lipscomb & Pitts liability insurance since we're covered in the ACBL policy, Jim seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Bruce will inform the company about the cancellation.

President's Report

Tournament Liaison: Jim volunteered to be the Board's liaison with Unit members who are chairing Sectional, Regional and National tournaments since we no longer have a tournament chair on the Board.

Partnership Website: NVBA paid the total \$100 cost of the Online Partnership Website for the past 3 years while sharing the website with WBL. In March 2008 the cost was increased to \$200 per year. WBL says they will pay half in the future, and Leo has requested that they share past expenses too. It was suggested that we publicize the partnership website, perhaps by placing an article in the Newsletter. Jennifer volunteered to work with the online partnership desk.

"Enjoy Playing Bridge" Trifold and Telephone Directory: Marge is co-ordinating trifold changes with WBL member Linda Marshall. Lucy reported that our share of the directory costs will be about \$400 for 400 copies. There should be no charge for the trifold since ACBL subsidizes it.

Scheduling Meeting: The joint annual WBL/NVBA Unit Game/Sectional scheduling meeting for 2009 events was held recently and draft schedules for 2009 were prepared. Leo, Alan, Ron and Marshall attended the meeting. Leo will co-ordinate with Beth El on possible date conflicts. We will vote on the schedule next month. Marshall said that 199ers can play a charity game to get extra masterpoints when there are NAP and GNT events in the open game. The Board discussed the issue of players with fewer than 5 masterpoints playing for free when they are not ACBL members.

Holiday Party: The NVBA holiday party is scheduled for 5:30 on December 18 at Beth El. We need volunteers to order and pick up the food, buy poinsettias, make the punch and work on the day of the party. There will be no game on December 25 or January 1.

Membership Secretary Reimbursement: We will pay Eric Poskanzer for his first quarter work, and he has agreed to be reimbursed with Unit Game free plays thereafter.

November Meeting: Board members set Tuesday, November 18 as the next meeting date. Alan will see if we can meet again at the Westwood Country Club.

Education Chair's Report

Joanne reported on efforts to promote bridge in local schools, in Maryland and in Atlanta, which has an extensive program.

Leo adjourned the regular meeting at 9:10. There was no executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gazzola, Secretary