

Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors
April, 2009

The April 2009 NVBA Board meeting was held on Tuesday, April 7, at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna. Those attending were: President Leo Cardillo, Vice President Alan Breed, Secretary Marge Gazzola, Board members Jim Dick, Bruce Houston, Jennifer Nisenoff, Tournament Chair Margot Hennings and Newsletter Liaison Lucy McCoy. Board members Ron Kral, Herb Fallin and Treasurer Livingston Johnson were absent. Leo called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

NABC Report

NVBA Tournament Chair Margot Hennings, who is also chairing the July NABC in Washington, D. C., gave the Board a summary of philosophy and plans for the upcoming NABC(attached) and handed out the current NABC budget. She noted that fund-raising has been difficult and that a 13k table count is predicted. Livingston will give Margot a check for the NVBA's contribution of \$500 for our naming event.

Old Business

Minutes: It was agreed to accept the March 2009 minutes as amended to add that the new GP policy that GPs will play free and will be given a free play to take home will continue to be used "on a trial basis".

Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer, Livingston Johnson, will be resigning as of April 30, and the Board discussed his possible replacement. The financial reports that Livingston emailed to Board members showed that income this year is ahead of last year but our expenses have been higher. We received about \$1,500 Regional money also. Each of our Sectionals provides about \$1,700 profit, and this is more accurate now because Thursday night Sectional rents are correctly allocated. We are projecting about a \$800 surplus this year with one Sectional to go. Our Unit Game table count has been 31.36 this year(30.6 the prior year and 27.6 the year before that). NVBA total assets are \$32,266, and this includes \$3,000 rent prepayment.

President's Report

April 9 Unit Game: Margot has been negotiating with Elks personnel to obtain the use of a second room for this game if we have more than 30 tables. Elks quoted \$1,150 to use two rooms(\$350 for one), but Margot expects that this estimate can be lowered. Whether the game will be stratified or strataflighted depends on attendance, space, etc. and will be decided on site. Leo would like to have a suitable alternate to Beth El for our Unit Game and this will be an opportunity to test the Elks facility though cost may be an issue.

Gatlinburg: Leo cannot attend the MABC meeting at the Gatlinburg Regional on April 18. He will see if Ron or Herb can substitute for him.

Unit Game: Unit Game Chief Director Gene Schuyler will be using the new PC with ACBLScore/Windows. The Board discussed the pros and cons of dot matrix vs laser printers.

Annual Meeting: The NVBA Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 7. Jim said that his wife Linda would be happy to handle the food planning and delivery. Marge will email her the food information from last year's Annual Meeting and will ask Ron if he and Mary Ann can once again order and bring the life master cakes. Leo is getting the trophies engraved. We have lists of the Ace of Clubs and the Mini-McKenney winners, but do not yet have names of the other four winners. Membership Secretary Eric Poskanzer and Ron are developing software to calculate these winners.

Schedule for LM/NLM Game: Ron cannot support the LM/NLM game as scheduled on June 4, but he would like to do it and could do June 25, July 2 or July 9 instead. Marshall cannot do June 25. A decision on the date for this game will be made later.

Dealing Machine: Ron is the USA technical representative for the company that manufactures our dealing machine. Ron has offered to perform routine service on our machine for \$200 instead of his usual \$300 fee, and the Board agreed to accept Ron's offer.

Next Board Meeting: The next NVBA Board meeting after the Annual Meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, June 9.

Vice President's Report

Budget: Alan had hoped to have a draft budget for next year lined up in advance(Last year our budget was approved on October 31) so we could act on it in the first month of the fiscal year. Board members discussed a suggestion from incoming President Bob Boyd that the Unit might consider moving our fiscal year to start on September 1. Some thought this was a good idea, certainly worthy of consideration by the new Board, though possible tax implications would have to be addressed. The annual NVBA audit was also

mentioned and it was agreed that within three months after closing the books was a reasonable time to have the audit done.

Other Business

IContact.com Service: Lucy reported on IContact.com Technical Support, which Ron would like to use for mass mailings, electronic distribution of the newsletter and notices of events. This software can be accessed anywhere. The cost would be \$150 per year, and the Board agreed to fund this effort for one year.

Leo adjourned the regular meeting at 9:40. There was no executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gazzola, Secretary