

Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Minutes – Board Meeting
April 6, 2010

FINAL

The April 2010 NVBA Board Meeting was held on Tuesday April 6, 2010 at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna.

Those attending were:

Bob Boyd, President
Alan Breed, Vice President
Lynda Flanger, Treasurer
Jennifer Nisenoff, Secretary
Virginia Gibbons, Board Member
Bruce Houston, Board Member
Paul Black, Board Member
Jim Dick, Board Member
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Editor
Margot Hennings, Tournament Chair
Amanda Carter, Candidate for the Board

Minutes from March Meeting

Lucy distributed copies minutes that were sent out via email. Paul made a motion to approve, Alan seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Lynda distributed copies of our Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2010 which showed that we were a bit low on cash; however, we pre-paid rent to the Elks.
2. We also purchased a CD in April and will buy 2 more in May and in June.
3. Lynda also distributed copies of the Profit and Loss Statement as of March, 2010. We are in the positive for our Sectionals as well as the Unit Game.
4. Copies of Profit and Loss Comparison ending in March, 2010 with a comparison to the previous year and a Unit Game Table Count report were also presented to the Board
5. Rod Severson is currently auditing our books and made a suggestion on simplifying our chart of accounts. While this will reduce the number of accounts, we may not have the same granularity that we do today to evaluate performance of our Sectional and Unit Games. The Board decided to discuss this proposal at our next meeting.

Annual Meeting

1. Bob reported on plans for Leo who was not able to attend the meeting.
2. The Board discussed plans to ensure that the food for the dinner would be done well and within budget. Leo had agreed to take care of the awards.
 - a. The trophies are in the process of being engraved. Please note that when the recipients return the trophy at the end of the year, they receive a smaller trophy for them to keep.

Candidacy and Election Process for the District 6 Director

1. Margot attended the meeting to share with the Board the process for electing the District 6 Director and her Candidacy for the position. She shared her background and some ideas she had for the District and continued interaction with neighboring units.
2. While Margot was with us, she also shared status of the NVBA Sectionals. Items discussed included:
 - a. Experiencing great attendance at our Sectionals.
 - b. Reviewed use of electronic scoring devices, what savings we could expect if we adopted this technology, and the potential to use them if they are purchased by the MABC this summer. We will solicit input from Doug Grove on the potential for savings.
 - c. Areas to save money by reducing expenses.
 - d. 2011 Sectional Schedule. Jennifer expressed concern that the Sectional in September is scheduled over Rosh Hashanah that would reduce attendance. We would also need to find an alternative site for Beth El.

Administrative Items

1. Use of NVBA tables for the Sunday Game – Since Jim is a Board member the Board wants to ensure that everything being done in this area is completely transparent. There will be a small area allocated for Jim's supplies. The Board also reviewed various options for the use of the tables. The decision was that Jim would replace a certain percentage of tables each year when the Unit evaluated the number of tables requiring replacement. Bruce made a motion to approve this arrangement, Gini seconded, all approved.
2. Susan L'Heureux is resigning from the Assistant Unit Game Director due to health reasons and Livingston Johnson has agreed to replace her. Hannelore Suffridge will train as a director to provide backup.

Meeting Adjourned

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Alan seconded, all approved.

Next Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be held on June 8, 2010 at 7:00 at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna. All NVBA members are welcomed to attend. If you wish to attend, please alert Alan Breed in advance so he can ensure we have enough space in the meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nisenoff, Secretary