

Northern Virginia Bridge Association  
Board of Director Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2012

ATTENDEES: Mike Cappelletti, President  
Alan Breed, Vice-President  
Alan Dockterman, Secretary  
Jim Dick, Board Member  
Betty Bursey, Board Member  
Ron Kral, Board Member  
Amanda Carter, Board Member  
Leo Cardillo, Board Member  
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Liaison

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the March Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2012 at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna, VA.

### **Secretary's Report**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February Board of Directors' meeting. Betty made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Alan B., which carried unanimously.

### **Other Items of Business**

1. The Board continued its discussion of marketing initiatives to increase the attendance of intermediate and novice players at NVBA events. Ron made a motion, seconded by Leo, to send a letter to NVBA members with 0-299 masterpoints offering them a one-half price coupon for use at a NVBA Sectional event. It passed unanimously.
2. Ron reported that he contacted the ACBL Educational Foundation regarding support for the "Bridge in Schools" program, but they had not responded.
3. Alan D. announced that some of the elementary school students in the Bridge-in-Schools program intended to participate in the April Sectional. He made a motion, which passed unanimously, to provide up to \$50 for food, scholarships, prizes, and/or reimbursement of expenses to support them.
4. Norma Pierzchala and Bernie Oetjen established a two-session event at the Knights of Columbus on March 31, 2012 to celebrate the ACBL's 75<sup>th</sup>

anniversary. The Board decided not to join in the purchase of tote bags in connection with the anniversary.

5. The Board discussed details for the annual meeting scheduled for May 10, 2012. Some of the board members expressed approval of the price and quality of the food provided by Picante, the caterer at the December 2011 holiday party. Amanda made a motion, seconded by Alan D., to hire the same caterer on basically the same terms for the upcoming annual meeting. It passed unanimously.

6. Leo stated that he had been successful in lining up volunteers to bring food to the unit games.

7. Ron reported that he has continued to work with Jay Whipple to obtain his software program for our use in the development of an online partnership desk.

8. Margot Hennings, sectional tournament chair, had asked the Board to consider approving the inclusion of a regionally-rated game at the September sectional. Comments during the Board discussion indicated that the members were favorably disposed to the proposal, but needed additional information from her.

#### NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next Board meeting was scheduled for April 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Va. NVBA members are invited to attend. Any members who plan to be present are asked to let Alan B. know in advance and to tell him whether dinner will be ordered. Upon the motion of Leo, seconded by Alan D, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary

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