

Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2012

ATTENDEES: Mike Cappelletti, President
Alan Breed, Vice-President
Lynda Flanger, Treasurer
Betty Bursey, Board Member
Ron Kral, Board Member
Amanda Carter, Board Member
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Liaison
Yuen De Anda, NVBA Member
Sheryl McEwan, NVBA Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the May meeting of the NVBA Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library in Falls Church, VA. Board members absent were Leo Cardillo, Jim Dick, and Alan Dockterman.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Lynda Flanger reported that, not counting the \$25,000 anonymous donation, the NVBA ended 2011 with a positive net income of \$2,169. This included \$1,250 received from the MABC for running the Reston Regional. Lynda will make arrangements now with Rod Severson to perform an audit.

Lynda noted that Wells Fargo is charging us anywhere from \$4-10 for deposits over \$1,000. Now that NWFCU has opened a branch in Gainesville, she proposes that she make deposits of NVBA funds there. The Board agrees with Lynda that it is not in our interest to pay fees for depositing funds and asked her to look into how much different banks are charging "businesses" in the way of fees.

Old Business

ACBL Goodwill Committee: Board members discussed possible individuals to recommend to ACBL District Director Margot Hennings for nomination to the National Goodwill Committee of the ACBL, including candidates for Goodwill Member of the

Year. The Board would like to see Ron Kral nominated for all his work with Newcomers and Intermediate players, including increasing their attendance at the NVBA Unit game, running the I/N program at local Regionals, and running tournaments at Thomas Jefferson HS for the bridge club there.

The Board also recommends that Mary Ann Kral be named to the D6 Goodwill Committee for her work on the I/N program at tournaments, her help on putting on the Holiday Party and for her work as Partnership Chair at NVBA Sectionals.

Annual Meeting: Leo Cardillo has agreed to substitute for Mike Cappelletti in his absence and make a statement about the State of the Unit, recognize new Life Masters and hand out the trophies and medals to Mini-McKenney winners, Ace of Clubs winners and the NVBA trophies (Rookie of the Year, Rush Buckley, Man of the Year and Woman of the Year). Betty and Lucy have ordered the cakes, Betty and David Loken have ordered the food and Betty will pick up the strawberries (8 cartons) along with the cakes. Leo is getting all the trophies engraved and Alan Dockterman has sent out notification letters to all medal and trophy winners inviting them to the Annual Meeting.

Free Play Policy for Lecturers at Unit game/Sectionals: The Board feels there has been uneven treatment of lecturers who give a talk before the Unit Game on Thursday and those who give a “mini-lesson” at the NVBA Sectionals. They understand the policy to be that these lecturers are all entitled to a Free Play for each lecture they give, but in practice these free plays aren’t always issued. This policy just needs to be communicated to the Unit Game Manager/Directors at these games and the appropriate free play slip issued to them for accounting purposes.

Bridge in Schools: Yuen De Anda continues her work on the “Bridge in Schools” program and brought some more initiatives before the Board to get funding approval.

- 1) Yuen de Anda has obtained two “partners” for the Bridge in Schools program, the Schuyler law firm and Sweet Frog. These businesses are giving the program \$50 savings bonds to award as prizes. The Board said that in return, these firms are welcome to run a free ad in the NVBA newsletter
- 2) Fred Gramlich brought four kids to the NVBA’s April Sectional and all reports are that they enjoyed the experience.
- 3) Yuen put forth a proposal to purchase 300 t-shirts from a firm in Florida, at a cost of \$3.33 each. This would be enough t-shirts for six schools to use over a two-year period, and she anticipates there would be 60 of these t-shirts available for sale. She has worked out a design she believes would appeal to the students wearing the t-shirt and has left a space for each school to print its own name/logo. Ron Kral made a motion, seconded by Amanda Carter to allow Yuen to place an order in an amount up to \$1,000 to purchase these t-shirts. The Board passed the motion, with one abstention from Alan Breed, contingent on Yuen obtaining a sample of the fabric that would be used to make the t-shirts, and then if the quality of the fabric is acceptable, to place the order through the Treasurer Lynda Flanger who can put the order on the NVBA credit card.

- 4) Ron Kral successfully ordered four sets of boards/inserts/bidding boxes for use by the students through Barbara Heller of the ACBL Foundation at no cost to the NVBA. The "Bridge in School" volunteers need to be the custodian of this equipment and ensure it stays under NVBA control during the summer as well as when in use in school clubs. Sheryl McEwan recommended the equipment be "signed out" to these volunteers and then checked for wear and tear each September before it is put back into circulation for the new school term. The NVBA Education Chair, currently Terry Jones, needs to be involved in the expansion of this program in the schools and oversight of acquiring and maintaining the equipment.
- 5) Yuen would like to have a website geared just to the NVBA Bridge in Schools program. Alan Breed made a motion seconded by Betty Bursey to approve the website on a trial basis for six months @\$12/month to see if it will be used by students and/or their parents. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Ron Kral is running another bridge tournament at TJHS in May.

New Business

NVBA Website: The NVBA is not getting the support it needs from the host of the NVBA website. Ron Kral was asked to research other possible hosts that would be more responsive and reliable.

It was Alan Breed's last board meeting and Board members thanked him for his hard work on the Board, particularly as an architect of the NVBA's annual budget and his efforts to keep the Unit fiscally responsible.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Monday, June 4, 2012 in the Tyson's-Pimmit Regional Library at 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA. NVBA members are invited to attend. Upon the motion of Alan Breed, seconded by Amanda Carter, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy McCoy