

Board of Director Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2013

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President
Leo Cardillo, Vice-President
Alan Dockterman, Secretary
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
Mike Cappelletti, Past President
Jim Gerding, Board Member
Sheryl McEwan, Board Member
Livingston Johnson, Unit Game Director
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Editor
Amanda Carter, NVBA Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the June Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:06 p.m. on Tuesday June 11, 2013 at the Reston Regional Library in Reston VA.

Secretary's Report

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May Board of Directors' meeting, which with minor edits, and upon the motion of Jim, seconded by Sheryl, were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Ann reported that the audit had not yet been completed by Rod Severson. Ron stated that he or Leo would contact him to determine its status. She expected to obtain a hard copy of the 2012 tax return upon Lynda's return to the area. Ann reviewed a number of documents she prepared for the Board. When questioned about the large amount of funds in the NWFCU money market account drawing virtually no interest, she agreed to look into the option of depositing much of that money into certificates which would yield greater interest and report back to the Board at the next meeting. A comparison of the balance sheet balances on May 31, 2012 and May 31, 2013 showed an increase in assets of 10%. She also reviewed the year to date profit and loss and compared it to the 2012 figures. Alan's motion to approve the report, seconded by Jim, was passed unanimously.

Other Items of Business

1. The Board agreed to defer to the next meeting the preparation of a future budget.

2. The Board congratulated Sheryl and Amanda for their selection as the Unit's representatives on the District Six Goodwill Committee.

3. Sheryl informed the Board that the number enrolling for the TAP (Teacher's Accreditation Program) course at the Reston Regional had already reached successful levels. Twenty-four members had already paid for the course and more were expected to sign up. NVBA can therefore expect to receive reimbursement for the \$1700 it prepaid. A reception for the graduates has been planned in conjunction with the American Bridge Teacher's Association. The Board unanimously passed the motion of Sheryl, seconded by Ron, to pay up to \$100 of the expenses associated with the reception, on a matching basis with the ABTA.

3. Sheryl also told the Board that the all-day bridge lesson for 415 students at Cooper Intermediate School on June 6, 2013 was a great success and there should soon appear an article in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin describing the event.

4. Sheryl noted that the Bridge-in-School Program for the 2012-2013 school year had ended. She obtained the Board's endorsement of her plan to invite the coordinators at each school to attend the September board meeting to discuss the operation of the program, report on the status of equipment, and provide their view of anticipated expenses for the following year to aid the Board in preparation of the budget.

5. Leo mentioned the ongoing problem of hospitality at the Unit games. The Board had been unsuccessful in finding a hospitality chairperson. Some members suggested candidates whom Leo will try to contact at the next Unit game. He noted that he found coverage for at least the next two weeks. The Board supported Leo's proposal to increase the number of guaranteed partners at the Unit game from two to three to better support the initiative.

6. Livingston stated that in the B/C event, there often were far too many teams in the "C" bracket. He was authorized to look into altering the masterpoint range to equalize the number in each stratification.

7. Ron prepared a graph showing the NVBA Unit game table count and trends for 2013. He noted that the numbers had fallen whenever regionals- and particularly regionals nearby-occurred the weekend after the Thursday Unit game. The trend in attendance had been steady but not increasing. One promising marketing tool worthy of exploration would be to institute one-half price nights. He also provided a written wrap-up and analysis of the 2013 Life Master/Non Life Master game with suggestions for improvements in the future.

8. Lucy mentioned that it was time to consider whether to join the WBL in the joint publication of a phone directory. Last year the cost had been \$470 for 400 copies. She recommended increasing production to 500 copies to accommodate the increased demand. The Board unanimously passed the motion of Leo, seconded by Jim, to do so.

8. Amanda, the Reston Regional Tournament Chair, discussed in detail developments in planning for the tournament. She reported that preparation had been proceeding smoothly. A number of professional teams will be participating. The various committee chairmen under her direction are operating well with sufficient volunteers available. She has been able to work with the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference on its special concerns, including the elimination of a head caddy, reduction in the cost of daily bulletins, and the activities of the goodwill committee during the tournament. Players have signed up for rooms at the Hyatt Regency in excess of those guaranteed by the MABC.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting will be held on July 9, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at a place to be subsequently determined. NVBA members are invited to attend. Upon the motion of Leo, seconded by Ron, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary

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