

Board of Director Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2013

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President
Alan Dockterman, Secretary
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
Mike Cappelletti, Past President
Jim Gerding, Board Member
Sheryl McEwan, Board Member
Ken Davis, Board Member
Lynda Flanger, Board Member
Livingston Johnson, Unit Game Director
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Editor
Margot Hennings, District 6, ACBL Board of Directors

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the July Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday July 9, 2013 at the Kings Park Library in Burke, VA.

Secretary's Report

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June Board of Directors' meeting, which upon the motion of Sheryl, seconded by Jim, were approved unanimously. Alan also relayed information received from ACBL pertaining to membership ages, changes and numbers of members in the Unit.

Treasurer's Report

1. Ann reported that a review of the financial operations of the Unit would not be completed by Rod Severson since he planned to leave the area. Ron stated he had found another auditor who agreed to perform the review and the records would be turned over to her shortly for examination of the period from May of 2010 through May of 2012.
2. Ann recommended that beginning this month NVBA purchase five certificates of deposits in \$5000 denominations over the next five months to equal \$25,000. This would enable the Unit to earn interest at rates far greater than the current money market rate of .35%. Lynda's motion, seconded by Jim, to authorize her to do so passed unanimously.
3. Ann handed out documents comparing the financial situation in 2013 with the same period the prior year. Net income for the first half of 2013 is running substantially behind the figures of 2012, although the Unit remains in the black. She explained, however, that NVBA will receive reimbursement of \$1700 advanced for the TAP course. Margot informed the Board that the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference will forward \$1250 to the Unit for hosting the Regional. Two months rent to Beth El of \$1300 had been prepaid as well.

4. After Ann responded to specific questions about the handouts, the Board unanimously approved the minutes upon the motion of Mike, seconded by Jim.

Tap Course

The Board congratulated Sheryl on the successful TAP class at the Reston Regional which she set up primarily to support the Bridge in Schools initiative. Forty-one signed up of which thirty-seven paid and four attended to refresh their skills. The amount collected totaled \$2050. TAP increased the bottom line by \$700, with thirty-four newly accredited teachers.

Reston Regional

Margot reported on the Reston Regional. She stated that we had 2330 tables, 6% under the estimate. Perhaps the recent proliferation of overlapping regionals over the fourth of July holiday accounts for the result. In addition, the Hyatt Regency lost power for six hours on July 5, 2013 which disrupted the schedule and may have affected the number of participants. She noted that the Gold Rush events were very popular. The number of teams participating in the knockouts seemed fewer than in prior years and the number of players who lived within 100 miles of the event who had 1500-2500 masterpoints appeared down as well.

Amanda Carter was recognized for doing an outstanding job as the chair of the regional. Margot was pleased to report that the Hyatt Regency agreed to continue the room rate at the excellent price of \$99 per night for the 2015 regional, which had been scheduled for July 6th to July 12th. This set of dates-only the second time this regional had not been held over the 4th of July- will be a good test as to whether the dates are a factor in the downward-trending attendance.

Ron reported that the lectures appeared less popular than in prior years, perhaps because the games often ran over into the break time. He said the raffle for the intermediate/novice games proved very popular.

Other Items of Business

1. Ken agreed to be the liaison for the North American Pairs qualifying games which take place between June and August. This information will be posted on the website.
2. The Board agreed to defer to the next meeting the preparation of a future budget.
3. Jim agreed to prepare a policy for board consideration regarding one-half price club games for youth.

4. Ron reported that Leo had begun discussions with Moise at Beth El about renting the entire closet located in the playing room for \$50 a month for storage of NVBA property.

5. Sheryl reported to the Board that the all-day bridge lesson for 415 students at Cooper Intermediate School on June 6, 2013 was a great success and that she expected an article to appear soon in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin describing the event.

6. The Board deferred until the next meeting discussion of the proposed revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual when the Board will vote on any changes. The final draft can then be approved at the following meeting.

7. The letter to the NVBA member regarding monies owed to the Unit for rent advanced on his behalf was finalized. His response is expected shortly.

8. Ron noted that the website was down for a few days due to problems with the contractor. He asked board members to wear a badge identifying them as board officials at Unit games to encourage members to meet them and discuss issues they have with NVBA.

9. Jim informed the Board that ACBL's "Longest Day" initiative held on June 21, 2013 was a great success locally with 44 tables for the three sessions. Over \$9000 was raised for Alzheimer's research, placing the Unit in the top 10% in the country.

10. Lynda said that she expected to move in the near future to New York that the members should begin looking for her replacement on the Board.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting will be held on August 20, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Burke Centre Library. NVBA members are invited to attend. Upon the motion of Sheryl, seconded by Mike, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary

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