

Board of Director Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2014

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President
Leo Cardillo, Vice-President
Alan Dockterman, Secretary
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
Jim Gerding, Board Member
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member
Lynne Beresford, Board Member
Ken Davis, Board Member
Sheryl McEwan, 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 April meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:35 a.m. on April 13, 2014 at the Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge in Fairfax, VA.

Secretary's Report

The Board reviewed the minutes from the March Board of Directors' meeting which, upon the motion of Sheryl, seconded by Francesca, were approved unanimously after minor modifications. Alan relayed information from ACBL concerning the addition and departure of members during the prior month and recent awards to members.

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed e-mail attachments from Ann detailing profit and loss since the beginning of the year and Ann responded to questions. Ann plans to file an amended 2012 return in light of the errors Leo had discovered. This will increase the net income for 2012 to \$11,000 instead of \$8000. Next week she will file the 2013 return which will show an increase in net assets of \$1668. The reduction from the prior year reflected, in part, the increase in the number of free plays provided at the Unit games.

Other Items of Business

1. Lucy informed the board that the estimated cost of mailing the current newsletter which provides notice of the annual meeting to all members would be \$2100. This was done in part because members complained that they were unaware of the date of the meeting even though it had been posted on the web. The Board discussed the arrangements for the meeting and various members agreed to perform a number of functions.

2. Leo reported that since Beth El would be unavailable, he needed to find a new location for the September 25, 2014 game. He plans to contact the Kena Shriners in Fairfax, VA.

3. Sheryl reported that there had been an incident at one of the elementary schools in which a volunteer had been accused by a student of mistreatment. Alan provided background information. It appeared to the Board that the charge was without merit but, in any event, the volunteer terminated his volunteer activities at the school. As a result, it seemed likely that the bridge program would no longer continue at that school. Sheryl stressed that it was important that such incidents be reported immediately to the Bridge-in-Schools Coordinator so that the NVBA could determine how to handle the matter. Sheryl also urged the Board to provide written conduct guidelines to volunteers and develop forms for them to execute.

4. The Board unanimously passed the motion of Leo, seconded by Ron, to reimburse Norma Pierzchala, the club director who will be running the games for the ACBL's Longest Day initiative, up to \$500 for table fees charged by ACBL upon receipt of the invoice for such charges. The effort to convince the ACBL to waive the fee based on the arguments that the organization would not incur any appreciable expense and NVBA would already be raising money for the ACBL sponsored program by virtue of its members contributing individually were unsuccessful.

5. Margot reported on various developments in the District. She explained that District Six and Seven hold their Regionals jointly under the auspices of the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference. Next week District Seven will be voting on whether to withdraw from the MABC and hold their Regionals separately. She discussed the ramifications of such a decision. She also stated that NVBA should consider eliminating the knockout events on Saturdays during the sectional because too few masterpoints are awarded given the length of the event.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on May 11, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA. NVBA members are invited to attend. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary

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