

Board of Director Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2014

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
Jim Gerding, Board Member
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member
Ken Davis, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
Joe Hertz, Board Member
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Editor
Livingston Johnson, NVBA Unit Game Director

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the July meeting of the NVBA Board of Directors to order at 6:30 p.m. on July 2, 2014 at the North Bethesda Marriott Hotel. Board members absent were Vice President Leo Cardillo and Secretary Alan Dockterman.

Secretary's Report

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

Website

Ron Kral announced he had updated the NVBA awards listed on the website and added the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners for 2013.

Treasurer's Report

--Ann provided copies of the financial statements through June of this year. The Unit is doing well in terms of not exceeding budgeted expenses in most cases, except the budget underestimated the amount of Unit Game free plays, so the Unit Game is not currently paying for itself. The Board would eventually like to have the monthly financial statements posted on the NVBA website.

--The NVBA's participation in the ACBL's Longest Day promotion to support the Alzheimer's Foundation was very successful, raising over \$20,000, particularly due to the fundraising efforts by Yuen De Anda, including a silent auction of quilts by Donna Sinrud and the auction of an opportunity to play with various bridge pros and bridge teachers in the area. Yuen asked the NVBA for \$523.00 to cover table fees for the three games held on the Longest Day, and the Board voted to approve this expenditure.

Unit Game

1. Francesca Mazarella has the player ladder/bulletin board ready for the 199er game, and was going to research past Board votes to determine how many free plays NVBA will award to a player who achieves a new ACBL rank. She is also printing certificates to recognize rank changes up to 199 MPs. These are signed by the NVBA President and presented to the players.
2. Leo Cardillo has finalized negotiations with KOCH to hold the Unit game there on September 25, 2014.
3. The Board is concerned about the dwindling attendance at the 199er Game on Thursday nights. The Board voted to hold "Dollar Days" in the months of October and November. The entry fee for players with 5-200 MPs will be only \$1.00 for the 199er game. This promotion will be publicized at the Unit Game and September NVBA Sectional, and a notice will run in the October-December 2014 NVBA newsletter.

Other Business

Inventory

--President Ron Kral once again recommended that an inventory be made of NVBA assets. We need to determine how many computers, printers, boards, bidding boxes, bidding box brackets, clocks, *Bridgemates*, cards, and bridge tables we have at Beth El and the Elks Lodge, and have an understanding of how soon replacements of these various items will be needed; and in the case of the dealing machine, establish a regular maintenance schedule. Livingston reported there are five sets of metal boards and six sets of plastic boards. There is also the issue of where the four sets of *Bridge in Schools* boards are now that school has ended. Board members indicated that Yuen De Anda has three sets and Marilyn Schuyler has one set.

Regionally-rated Games at NVBA Sectionals

Tournament Chair Margot Hennings asked the Board's approval for holding regionally-rated games at the September and October 2014 NVBA sectionals and for the revenue obtained from the \$1.00 surcharge to go to the Grass Roots Fund. Joe Hertz moved that the Board approve holding two such games on the Saturday afternoon/evening of these Sectionals, Ken Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NVBA Archivist

Kevin O'Brien has expressed interest in archiving NVBA historical documents. Board members indicated many documents are stored in the file cabinets at Beth El. Kevin plans to inventory the paper documents, determine what of these are already available electronically, and determine the cost of scanning the paper-only documents. Margot Hennings has more documents and plans to make them available. Kevin will report back to the Board on what we have, what is missing, and the cost for scanning the paper-only items.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon the motion of Jim, seconded by Ken, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 10, 2014 at noon at Beth El.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy McCoy