

Board of Director Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2014

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President
Alan Dockterman, Secretary
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
Howard Stevens, Education Chair

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the August meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 12:08 a.m. on August 10, 2014 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA.

Secretary's Report

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July Board of Directors' meeting which, with minor edits and upon the motion of Francesca, seconded by Jim, were approved unanimously. Alan relayed information about the number of new members during the prior month.

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the e-mail attachments from Ann detailing profit and loss since the beginning of the year and Ann responded to questions. For the period of January through July of 2014, NVBA realized a net income of \$3204, which exceeded the budget by \$706. The unit games lost \$1608, while the sectionals earned \$4192. The report was approved unanimously upon the motion of Alan, seconded by Jim.

Other Items of Business

1. Considerable discussion took place regarding how members could access easily and expeditiously from the internet the results of the unit games. The best approach, Ron noted, would be for members to register with the common game online. ACBL and NVBA also provide results. Obviously, it would be desirable to have one access point for

all information, but that is not yet available. Joe and Ron agreed to work on making that possible.

2. Lucy reported that there had been technical difficulties in the development of the newsletter. Joe agreed to assist her, and the Board authorized him to purchase software which would remedy these problems.

3. Margot Hennings, the District Six representative on the ACBL Board of Directors, would like the Board to authorize the purchase of playing cards to advertise the Nationals. The Board decided to defer action on the request until the September meeting.

4. Francesca reported that she had continued to make progress with the player ladder. The Board agreed that the 199ers who progress to a higher masterpoint level should receive their certificates and free plays at the unit game rather than by mail. Since the regulations of the Unit do not currently provide for such free plays, Francesca made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin, to amend the regulations to authorize free plays to those players. It was passed unanimously.

5. One board member reported that a bridge teacher outside the district was interested in obtaining the Unit's support and funding to provide bridge lessons. Ron commented that it would not be appropriate for the Board to finance her efforts.

6. Board members involved in the development and coordination of the unit games for 2015 with the WBL are tentatively set to meet with their WBL counterparts on September 6, 2014.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on September 7, 2014 at 12:00 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 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary

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