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Fifty-Third Annual Meeting of the Northern Virginia Bridge Association

May 7, 2015

The Fifty-Third annual meeting of the NVBA was held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA on May 7, 2015. The President, Ron Kral, called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. After conclusion of the dinner and meeting, the 18th annual Pat Eyman Strawberry Pairs event was held.

1. Welcome and Remarks: Ron welcomed everyone to the dinner meeting and thanked all the volunteers for their assistance in the various activities involved in setting up the meeting and dinner. Then he thanked all those who had volunteered during the last year for their efforts on behalf of the NVBA. He urged the other members to become volunteers to support the Unit. He explained that the cakes had been prepared in honor of the new life masters with the name of each written on the cake and then announced the name of each new life master. The players were reminded of the life master/non-master game set for June 18, 2015 and the Longest Day charitable games to combat Alzheimer's disease on June 21, 2015. All players were encouraged to participate. Leo stated that he wanted to increase the attendance to 120 players at the unit game. Margot noted that playing cards advertising the national tournament in 2016 were available for purchase and that the members should encourage new players to attend a special bridge lesson which will be provided at the Reston Regional this summer.

2. Secretarial Report: The secretary provided a synopsis of last year's minutes and offered copies for review at the meeting. By unanimous vote, the May 1, 2014 minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported that 2014 had been another successful year for NVBA, with a net profit of \$1330. She explained that the sectionals had been a great success, earning more than \$8000. This more than covered the loss from the Unit game and other activities of the Unit. She noted that their needed to be an increase in the number of players participating in the Thursday night unit game. Her report was approved unanimously.

4. Elections: The following members were elected by acclamation for positions on the Board of Directors:

1. President: Ron Kral (re-elected)
2. Secretary: Donna Hickling
3. Executive Directors: Jim Gerding (re-elected), Susan Miskura

Roin thanked the board members for their service and noted two board members were departing: Alan Dockterman and Ken Davis. They were honored for their efforts on the Board and their contribution to the NVBA.

Ron, Leo, and Alan then presented the 2014 awards to the following members.

5. Awards:

A. Mini-McKenney

0-5 Shiang Chen
5-20 Richard Fecher
20-50 Francesca Mazarella
50-100 Dean Baird
100-200 Donna Hickling
200-300 Donna Sinrod
300-500 Ron Sutter
500-1000 George Parkins
1000-2500 Robert Brady
2500-5000 Ron Kral
5000-7500 Sumner Steinfeldt
7500-10,000 Robert Hopkins
Over 10,000 Ken Davis

B. Ace of Clubs

0-5 John Blackwell
5-20 Flash Helm
20-50 Francesca Mazarella
50-100 Dean Baird
100-200 Donna Hickling
200-300 John Merold
300-500 Ron Sutter
500-1000 Tom Jennings
1000-2500 Helene Cooper
2500-5000 Bob Boyd
5000-7500 Bruce Houston
7500-10,000 Angelo Zuccaro
Over 10,000 Ken Davis

C. Rookie of the Year

Jeanne Theis

D. Rush Buckley NLM

Rick Bingham

E. Woman of the Year

Mary Mudd

F. Man of the Year
Ken Davis

Each of these winners was recognized and their pictures were taken. The players received awards and free plays for their accomplishments.

6. The 2014 New Life Masters

Betty Ladd
Kellen Leister
John Gauss
Yuen De Anda
Phyllis Hendler
Farideh Makhzani
Ron Sutter
Rochelle Hilton
Dorothy Black
Marguerite Salah
Glenn Terrell
Kimberly Ferguson
Michael Canes
Chieko Franck
Douglas Grove
James Wade

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Dockterman
Secretary, Unit 218

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