

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2016

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
Donna Hickling, Secretary
Jim Gerding, Board Member
David Lindley, Board Member
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Chair
Joe Hertz, Assistant Web Master

Unable to attend: Leo Cardillo, Susan Miskura

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the July 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 11:05 a.m. on July 17, 2016 at the Beth El Temple in Alexandria, VA.

ACBL District 6 Board of Directors Election

Mike Zane is running for the District 6 Board of Directors. The Board invited him to discuss his qualifications and goals for the position at the July Board of Directors meeting. Among his qualifications, Mike is an ex-Marine, learned leadership skills at the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and has owned his own insurance and trucking companies. He has played bridge since he was eight years old. In addition to being a club director, he has supported the bridge community through responsibility for hospitality at WBL Sectionals and speaking at Regional tournaments, among other efforts. If elected, his goals will be to increase the number of NABCs held in District 6 to its historical frequency of three every ten years; promote bridge as a required class in public schools; and bring more people between the ages of 40 and 60 into the game. He is concerned about cheating, including "legalized" cheating. Mike stated that his grass roots perspective as a club owner gives him a unique perspective on this issue.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes from the final draft submitted by Lucy. Donna will move the action items into the action item table.

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the financial statements from Ann Atcheson, which detailed profit and loss since the beginning of the calendar year, set forth budgeted to actual expenditures, and compared the balance sheet for assets and liabilities with that of the prior year. The Unit Game is doing well, partially because of the increase in price to \$10. The Sectional finances are relatively unchanged; income has increased, but the increase has been matched by the increased expenses for director logistics. The Unit contributed \$250 to the Longest Day Alzheimer's charity event: \$84 in table fees and \$166 to the charity itself.

The decision on whether to upgrade to the most recent version of Quickbooks was tabled at the June meeting. Ann recommended that NVBA not spend the \$300 required to purchase the upgrade and the \$400 per year maintenance cost. She recommended that NVBA stay with the 2013 version for \$40 per month and then use a DROPBOX account for sharing and backing up the database. The Board voted unanimously to accept this recommendation.

DC NABC, Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed for the July NABC. Mary Ann Kral has filled more than 90 slots for the Intermediate/Novice (I/N) program. She still needs help in decorating and breaking down the area before and after the tournament respectively.

NVBA Phone

Joe presented an option for receiving Unit game related calls that does not require a dedicated NVBA phone. Using a Google service, calls can be forwarded to any designated phone for the required time period. The Board agreed unanimously to cancel the NVBA phone. Ann took that action item.

NVBA Newsletter Hard Copies

The Board discussed whether to keep printing hard copies of the NVBA newsletter. It agreed to print the next one and then make a decision. If hard copies are no longer provided, the NVBA bylaws need to be amended by the next annual meeting in May.

Unit 218 Inventory

Livingston is working with Sidney to develop the Unit 218 inventory. Ron stated that he would like to see it completed.

The Newcomer Game

The NVBA has added a newcomer game for players with 0-20 points. The game will be publicized on the NVBA web page, the NVBA newsletter, and in the weekly email. Susan has written an introduction to accompany the pdf describing the game. Kevin will send the introduction to David for inclusion in the weekly email and Ron's message from the president will discuss the newcomer game in the next newsletter.

199er's "Dave Murray" Award

The Board decided by acclamation to name the award, which is to be given to the 199er player who embodies the bridge virtues associated with the more broadly based Dave Murray award, the Ron and Mary Ann Kral Award.

Sectional Partnerships

The Board discussed responsibility for the Sectional partnership desk. The Bleys will be able to do it on Saturdays and on some Sundays. Marty will let the Board know on which Sundays they are not available. Leo may be able to do it on Thursdays and Fridays; Ron will ask him.

Dedicated Bridge Center

Francesca would like to send a letter to the membership soliciting their ideas and help with obtaining a dedicated bridge center. She will develop and print it to give to Ron at the upcoming NABC.

New Business

Weekly Email During the NABC

The Board agreed that NVBA would send out the weekly email during the NABC (which would include the information that there is not Unit Game during those two weeks). David will not be available during two weeks in August, so he will send Ron the template so that Ron can send out the email.

Key Center School Proposal

Jim presented a written proposal from Yuen deAnda asking that NVBA support the pet therapy program at the Key Center School. Support would include collecting soda cans for recycling and gently used shoes and delivering them to the school, assigning a Unit charity game to the Key Center School, and encouraging club directors to dedicate charity games to the school. The Unit has on one charity game that can be dedicated at its discretion per year. The Board is hesitant about giving guidance on charity games to the clubs. Jim volunteered to investigate further.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meeting will be held at 11:00 am on August 14, 2016 at the Beth El in Alexandria, VA. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Action Items

Item No.	Date	Item	Assignee	Status
1	6/7/2015	Post 199er lecture materials on the Web site	Kevin	Kevin sent the materials to Ron, who will place them on the web site in April
2	6/9/2015	Print, read, and edit first 10 pages of NVBA Policies and Procedures	All	On hold
7	9/13/2015	Solicit NVBA volunteers and contact other organizations to identify potential caddies.	Joe, Ron	Ongoing. Joe will request Yuen deAnda's help after the Longest Day has been completed. Ron will ask for volunteers after his 199er lecture and at the annual meeting.
10	9/13/2015	Identify a new caddy master	Leo	Open; See item 7
11	9/13/2015	Review Board Member position descriptions	Ron, Susan, Lucy	Review and revise the descriptions. When their revisions are complete, they will provide their results to

				Howard and Kevin for review and revision.
18	10/4/2015	Draft standard contract for directors that hold their own Sectional games	Margot	Open; Will be completed after NABC
27	12/20/2015	Solicit letters of intent from Club owners	Leo, Francesca	On hold pending completion of dedicated bridge center negotiations
36	1/31/2016	Track and aggregate table count data	Leo	Open
42	2/28/2016	Produce Ace of Clubs certificates	Donna	Alan Dockerty stated that certificates would be sent directly to Ron by ACBL
49	2/28/2016	Develop formal report for 199er survey	Kevin	
55	3/20/2016	Discuss NVBA/WBL relations	Ron, Leo	
56	4/24/2016	Develop suggestions to increase Unit Game attendance	Susan	
57	4/24/2016	Provide bullet on recognition program for 199er flyer	Francesca	
58	4/24/2016	Send draft minutes from last annual meeting to Ron	Donna	
59	4/24/2016	Review NVBA tax return by April 27	Leo	
60	4/24/2016	Send mass email to last year's LM/NLM participants encouraging them to participate this year	Joe	
61	4/24/2016	Ask Steve Robinson to publicize the LM/NLM game in his weekly newsletters	Joe	
62	4/24/2016	Find a volunteer to take minutes at the next Board Meeting	Ron	
63	5/15/2016	Update the list of recommended actions to increase Unit Game attendance	Susan	
65	5/15/2016	Identify volunteers to work at NABC		
66	5/15/2016	Identify additional recommendations for increasing Unit Game attendance	All	
67	6/19/2016	Get the list of teachers in NVBA-land updated, and the NVBA information page for LBIAD? sent	Kevin	

		to Ron, Margot, and Lucy in editable (non-PDF) format. Also to be sent to Ellen Cherniavsky (WBL President) and Ron Conlon (MBA President) as gentle reminders to do the same for their units		
68	6/19/2016	Prepare the NABC Flier inviting 0-20 players to NVBA events and teachers, and the mailing to NVBA's 0-20 membership inviting these players to NABC and NVBA events and teachers	Kevin, Susan, David	
69	6/19/2016	Make appropriate inquiries of Beth El about available space if and when needed for 0-20 Section so we receive an answer in time to prepare for the Sept 8 Unit Game	Leo	
70	7/17/2016	Cancel NVBA phone	Ann	
71	7/17/2016	Send introduction about Newcomer Game to David	Kevin	
72	7/17/2016	Determine if Leo can staff Sectional partnership desk on Thursdays and Fridays	Ron	
73	7/17/2016	Develop memo to NVBA members to solicit their help in establishing a dedicated Bridge Center	Francesca	
74	7/17/2016	Investigate Yuen deAnda's proposal to support the Key Center school	Jim	

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Hickling, Secretary