

[Final as Approved]
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2017

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President
Leo Cardillo, Vice President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
John Wertman, Secretary
David Lindley, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
George Parkins, Board Member
Howard Stevens, Board Member
Joe Hertz, Web Coordinator
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Liaison

Unable to attend: Ron Kral, Past President
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the June 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:45 a.m. on June 25, 2017 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with no changes. In response to one open question, Kevin indicated that the newcomers (0-20 section) will play on the stage at KOCH when we are there for the Unit Game in August.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and unanimously approved. It was noted that NVBA gave a \$300 donation to the Alzheimer's Association in conjunction with this year's Longest Day efforts.

Action Items/New Business

George and Marty led a discussion of action items and new business:

- We have finished the 60/40 accounting for the last two years and sent a check to the Washington Bridge League for \$977.25 (\$509.32 – 2015 & \$467.93 – 2016)
- Margot Hennings has drafted a new form for the Sectional GP free plays
- George reported back to Norma Pierzchala that the Board believes individual directors should handle the sensitive issue of finding partners for players with diminishing capacity as they best see fit. There will be no NVBA policy.
- The NVBA closet at Beth El was cleaned and re-organized on June 22 – many thanks to all those who helped!
- The closet cleaning also served to help prep for holding the Unit Game at KOCH in August. Jim Gerding has the lead on this and will report to the Board in July on status and on any needed actions.

- We held a discussion on the 2017 LM/NLM game – it was noted that the timing of the Richmond Regional complicated scheduling. The District 6 GNT Finals was also an obstacle. We struggled to find enough life masters until the very end of preparations. A key lesson is to begin distributing the paper sign-up sheets earlier – they are still more popular than signing up online. An idea was raised about combining LM/NLM with a sectional, but multiple objections were noted. The practice of pre-assigning tables worked well, but it would be helpful to have an additional person or two directing people as they arrive in the Social Hall for the game. The idea was raised of doing more to find rides for people who need help getting to Beth El for LM/NLM. Kevin will update our LM/NLM procedures manual based on the discussion.
- The Longest Day will fall on a Thursday in 2018. Katy Culp (Longest Day organizer) would like to come to a future Board meeting. We will likely need to coordinate with WBL next year given the two Unit Games on the Longest Day.
- We continued our discussion from May on rank certificates. Marty mailed over 100 of them to those with known addresses and there are only six left. Kevin will handle all 0-20 certificates moving forward. George will use information from the monthly in-and-out report to handle distribution of other certificates. We will include a Unit Game schedule with certificates to encourage attendance. We will give a free play to players who reach 200 MPs and graduate out of the 199ers.
- We discussed NVBA officer position descriptions (PD) – these need to be updated. The Secretary's PD was distributed and approved with one minor change. George, Lucy, Ron, and Susan Miskura are working on updating the NVBA Policies & Procedures document and the PDs will feed into that.
- Kevin gave Neil McKinney a set of older (yet still working) boards per a request from Neil.
- Howard noted that the NVBA may nominate individuals for the District 6 Goodwill Committee. He made a few suggestions and we will solicit other nominations and vote at the next Board meeting.
- We discussed the number of 199er Swiss games – some feel it is too high. John indicated that as a 199er player he supports maintaining a robust schedule of Swiss games because it has made NVBA players comfortable with the format as they've played at sectionals and regionals in the area and beyond. Howard suggested that we should probably no longer play 199er Swiss in conjunction with WBL Sectionals and no one objected.
- The Player of the Year trophy is lost – accordingly, the Board approved an expenditure of up to \$200 to replace the trophy. We will be splitting the cost with WBL.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meeting will be held at 10:45 am on August 6, 2017 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA. The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Wertman, Secretary