

{Final as Approved}
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2017

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President
Georgette Weiss, Vice President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
Ron Kral, Past President
Francesca Mazarella , Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
David Lindley, Board Member
George Parkins, Board Member
Howard Stevens, Board Member
Lucy McCoy, Newspaper Liaison

Unable to Attend: John Wertman, Secretary
Jim Gerding, Unit Game Chief Director
Livingston Johnson, Past Unit Game Chief Director
Margot Hennings, Sectional Tournament Chair

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the September 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:45 a.m. on September 24, 2017 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and corrections were made (Kevin said he had agreed to do the calculation for the NVBA/WBL POY trophy) and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and unanimously approved.

Review of Action Items

- The 199er/Newcomer lecture materials will be completed and posted by the end of December
- Kevin is in the process of sending information about the Newcomer game to all NVBA members with fewer than 20 points via Pianola.
- George asked about our losses are expanding in the 0-20 game. We were given a spreadsheet showing the losses are growing at this time.
- George also wanted to know how many were graduating and continuing to play bridge. Kevin will let us know next month.
- Italian food was agreed on for the Holiday party and for people to bring a side dish or dessert or pay \$5.00 to eat. Where we get the food from and how it is handled will be decided on next month.
- Linconia Senior Center was suggested as a new home for the Unit Game. Our search continues, and Marty will put an appeal to members in the October-December 2017 NVBA newsletter to suggest other possible sites.

- Pricing for Unit/Sectional games held at Beth El will incur a \$2 security fee to be paid by ALL players. Margot was contacted for her input/approval and agreed to the price increase.
- It was voted on and approved to charge the extra \$2 Security fee with preannouncement and a well worded flyer letting all players know in advance that this is a Beth El fee. These will be enforced at both the 2 sectionals and the 2 non-sectionals played at Beth El. The dates are 10/5, 10/19, 11/9 and 12/21.
- A motion was passed to do away with the Saturday night game at sectionals and changing the start times for the morning and the afternoon games to 10:30 and 3:00. To change back to the 2:00 start time for the Friday afternoon game so people have enough time to eat dinner before the triple nickel. Keep the Sunday start time at 10:00 a.m.
- A motion was passed to change the Strats to be more in line with WBL. (I think it was) 0-750, B/C 750-3000, A 3000-4000, 4000 and up for X. The B/C gets larger and the A/X gets smaller.

New Business

- Ron will handle Policy and Procedure updates and send copies to all job holders past and present to see if job descriptions are in line with practice and if the jobs are still necessary.
- A motion was passed that Thursday night Sectionals will be held at KOCH in January, February and April of 2018. (Please note that the Board agreed after the September meeting to hold the February Sectional Thursday Night at the Elks.)
- Georgette will talk to Renee or Peter on Monday at KOCH to discuss switching to LED flood lights. She will ask to borrow one of their bulbs to check the size and purchase one LED to see if there is a noticeable difference in the amount of light. A possible negotiation of splitting the cost of the new lightbulbs will be suggested if they are reluctant to change due to the expense. The reduction in their cost for the electricity expended for lighting will be mentioned as an inducement.
- Board Meeting Dates for October 15, November 12 and December 10 were chosen, to give us a time line with which to accomplish all necessary tasks prior to the Holiday party and other tasks which need to be accomplished in a timely fashion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.