

[Final as Approved]
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2017

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
John Wertman, Secretary
Ron Kral, Past President
David Lindley, Board Member
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
George Parkins, Board Member
Howard Stevens, Board Member
Joe Hertz, Website Liaison
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Liaison

Unable to attend: Georgette Weiss, Vice President

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the October 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:45 a.m. on October 15, 2017 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with minor changes. It was also noted that the Board agreed – subsequent to the meeting – that the Thursday night session of the February NVBA Sectional will be held at the Elks.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and unanimously approved.

Action Items/New Business

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

- Posting the 199er Lecture Materials on the website is still pending with a goal for completion by December.
- The standard director contract for sectional games is no longer pertinent.
- Sending information about the 0-20 game to NVBA members – due date is 11/30
- The information gathered on a possible dedicated NVBA bridge center has been consolidated – item complete
- The process of evaluating the Lincolnia Senior Center as a possible Unit Game site is being undertaken
- Possible lighting improvements at KOCH have been evaluated.
- The Board opened a discussion on the NVBA Newsletter led by David. The Board approved the creation of a “Welcome to the NVBA” booklet. There are mixed opinions on continuing production of a printed newsletter given the cost

- and given that most members access information digitally. David will develop a proposal on how to move forward to be shared at a future Board meeting.
- There was a discussion of the need for all items to be posted on the NVBA website to be “camera ready.” Content should not have to be generated.
 - There was a discussion of how the Board should pay tribute to Leo Cardillo. It was decided that we will create and name a “Volunteer of the Year” award after him and that he will be the first recipient at the NVBA Holiday Party.
 - Lucy raised the idea of producing an updated NVBA/WBL joint membership directory. The Board approved a motion to do so contingent on WBL also agreeing to produce the directory. The Secretary was directed to contact the WBL about the idea. If the WBL does not approve a similar motion, we will revisit.
 - For the other awards to be presented at the Holiday Party, Francesca will handle nominations for the Ron Kral (199er) Award and Ron will handle nominations for the Dave Murray Award. This will be announced in the weekly emails.
 - There was discussion on renaming the Poissant Trophy and the Board decided to rename it the “Margot and Don Hennings Trophy Pairs” in recognition of their outstanding contributions to bridge at the Unit, District, and National levels.
 - The Board discussed its proper role in oversight of NVBA Committees. It was agreed that Committee Chairs and tournament directors should be empowered to do their job without undue direction from the Board. When needed, the Board can adopt “Sense of the Board” motions on particular issues.
 - A motion was adopted that it is the Sense of the Board to start at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays during NVBA Sectionals.
 - The NLM Regional was tremendously successful. The NVBA realized significantly-more profit this year as compared to the 2016 October Sectional. One unintended consequence was the decreased number of players in the Sectional led to a decrease in overall masterpoint awards for the A/X and B players. The Board directed the Secretary to draft a letter to District 6 explaining this problem and expressing our sense that overall masterpoint awards for top players in the Sectional should reflect the number of individuals playing in the co-located NLM Regional. We also want to communicate our interest in holding this event again in the future along with our thanks to Margot Hennings for her leadership and hard work.
 - It was noted that we need to decide on food for the Holiday Party – this and other logistics will be a main topic of conversation at the November Board Meeting.
 - A joint scheduling meeting will be held along with WBL leadership on November 11. Any concerns should be sent to Marty.
 - It was noted that we still need to replace Leo as Unit Game Coordinator.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meetings will be held at 10:45 am on November 12 and December 10, 2017 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Wertman, Secretary