

[Final as Approved]  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2017

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President  
Georgette Weiss, Vice President  
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer  
John Wertman, Secretary  
Ron Kral, Past President  
David Lindley, Board Member  
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member  
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member  
Jim Gerding, Unit Game Chief Director  
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Liaison  
Eric Poskanzer, Membership Chair

Unable to attend: George Parkins, Board Member  
Howard Stevens, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the December 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:46 a.m. on December 10, 2017 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with no changes.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and unanimously approved. This included a review of the annual NVBA Budget.

**Action Items/New Business**

Marty led a discussion of action items and new business:

- Preparations for the NVBA Holiday Party are well under way. Francesca has placed the food order and Sheila Ellis will be helping. Eric will handle the pickup. Georgette has ordered cakes from Costco. David is handling the egg nog. Ron is bringing poinsettias and the trophies.
- Location for the Unit Game in 2018: There are nine Thursdays that are unavailable for KOCH in 2018. All but possible one Thursday are available at Beth El. Given this, our desire for a single location (to promote normalcy), and the expressed views of many NVBA members supporting Beth El, the Board voted to return to Beth El full time in 2018. Marty will meet with the Beth El leadership to sign a contract. If we run a surplus on amounts collected for the Security Fee, the fee will be waived at the next Unit Game.

- There has been a decrease in players in the A/X section at the Unit Game. The Board discussed how to increase attendance. Ron suggested we adopt a combined approach of getting A/X players to return along with encouraging some B/C players to play up. Accordingly, the Board voted to hold certain A/X games in 2018 stratified as A/X/Y and to charge only \$1 for entries on those evenings. The first such game in 2018 will be Jan. 18.
- The Board discussed the new 8-is-Enough Swiss Game for 2018. A \$5 entry fee for the game was approved (as we currently do for the LM/NLM game. Kevin will put together the logistics for the game (including the format) and this will be discussed by the Board in January with any key issues decided then. The game is scheduled for March 8.
- With the change in 199er Swiss Games for 2018 – mostly to 0-500 GNT qualifiers – the issue was raised of pre-dealt boards with hand records, which has been the practice for 199ers. It was decided that this will be much more difficult for a larger 0-500 group, so the practice will be discontinued.
- The International Fund Game scheduled for September 27 is being changed to a Unit Championship.
- Based on the discussions of the issues mentioned above, the Board approved the 2018 Unit Game schedule.
- The NVBA Newsletter will no longer be regularly issued in print form after the January edition. We will move exclusively to a PDF version distributed electronically. If any printed copies are needed in the future, Ron will print them on the printer he acquired.
- The Board voted to increase our total contribution (as part of the Dec. 7 Local Charity Game) to \$200 for the D.C. Children's Hospital to honor Tom Lavender. This was an increase of \$137 from the \$63 raised through the game.
- The Board voted to give each member of the Beth El Custodial staff a \$20 holiday gift. This recognizes their hard work for the majority the year we spent at Beth El and the fact that the Unit Game is returning in 2018.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meetings will be held at 10:45 am on January 14 and February 11, 2018 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA. The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Wertman, Secretary