

[Final as Approved]
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2018

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President
Georgette Weiss, 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
Jim Gerding, Unit Game Chief Director
Joe Hertz, Website Liaison
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Liaison

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

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the January 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:56 a.m. on January 14, 2018 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and unanimously approved.

Action Items/New Business

Marty led a discussion of action items and new business:

- We are aiming to send information about the newcomer game to all NVBA members with fewer than 20 MPs by March.
- David is working on a draft for a "Welcome to the NVBA" booklet
- We will reconnect with the WBL leadership in July about producing an updated joint membership directory
- We will discuss the falloff of MPs at the Fall 2017 Sectional due to the concurrent NLM Regional with Margot in February
- The NVBA closing policy will be listed on the website. The Board adopted a motion that the President may make a decision about closing the Unit Game due to weather or other criteria. A key consideration is whether Beth El is open.
- The Board had a discussion about the NVBA Bridgemates. The Association owns two sets – both sets are used during the weekly Unit Game and Jim and

Kevin keep track of their whereabouts. Candy and Marshall Kushner have been using one set each week under existing policy that allows local directors to rent Bridgemates from the NVBA. Ann is in charge of making sure rent is paid. The Board agrees that the Chief Director of the NVBA is responsible knowing where the Bridgemates are at all times.

- Margot shared a series of logistical questions and requests related to the February Sectional with the Board. We had a brief discussion on these questions and are handling important details.
- We had a discussion on the scheduled March 8 game – Eight is Enough – led by Kevin. We will charge players \$5 for this event. We will not serve dinner at this event. We will allow paper and online registrations as we do with the LM/NLM event – players may register as pairs or as singles. Kevin and Jim will create balanced teams but the teams will not be announced in advance. We will play up to 24 boards with the directors requested to pull board liberally if particular matches are falling behind. We will publicize this event aggressively.
- 2018 Board Elections: Marty is working on ascertaining whether current Board members with expiring terms wish to run again and will also recruit candidates if necessary. Any NVBA member in good standing may run for the Board, including the offices of Vice President and Treasurer, this year. Interested members should speak with Marty or another member of the Board.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meeting will be held at 10:45 am on February 11, 2018 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA. The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Wertman, Secretary