

[Final As Approved]
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2018

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President
Georgette Weiss, Vice President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
John Wertman, Secretary
Ron Kral, Past President
David Lindley, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
George Parkins, Board Member
Jim Gerding, Unit Game Chief Director
Joe Hertz, Website Liaison
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Liaison

Unable to attend: Francesca Mazarella, Board Member
Howard Stevens, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the February 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 11:01 a.m. on February 11, 2018 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and unanimously approved. Jim noted that we are losing money as a result of the \$1 A/X/Y games, but Ron said that we should consider it a marketing expense and that B/C players and others playing up are learning and have not generally been scared by playing with A players.

Action Items/New Business

Marty led a discussion of action items and new business:

- David is still working on a draft for a "Welcome to the NVBA" booklet and is aiming to have this done by April.
- Margot has told us that the issue of lowered Master Point awards for A/X events during joint sectionals/NLM regionals is on an upcoming national agenda, so we will drop the topic for now.
- We discussed handicapping boards in the A/X event at the unit game. Some clubs handicap 1-2 board but this can create competitive disadvantages. Consensus is that we should stick with stratification.

- For 2019, we will consider a pro-am-am-am event or other ideas instead of 8 is Enough. For this year's event, the masterpoints per 3/2/1 point players will be Open/1000/125. The event will be named the "Leo Cardillo Team Game." The concept is that teams will be balanced and there will be stratifications for teams with fewer than 8 total points amongst their players.
- Williamsburg will host an NLM Regional in 2018 and we could host one next year. We will discuss this in March.
- We currently have a hands off policy in terms of supporting local clubs, in that we don't favor one club over another. George indicated that we have a duty to Unit 218 players to help ensure the continuity of games. David said he has typically only advertised new clubs or permanent location changes in the weekly Board email to members. Kevin noted that we have helped clubs in ordering supplies and have rented bridgemates to some clubs. We have a club liaison position that we can continue to use to gather and share important information, but we will not adopt a formal policy re: assisting clubs.
- We had a discussion on the 60/40 payments arrangement we have had with WBL re: sectionals. A number of years ago, the ratio (number of tables) between the two games was 60:40, from which came the idea that NVBA should redress the imbalance in income in that amount. That imbalance has shrunk, with WBL's game shrinking and NVBA's growing. Accordingly, the Board adopted the following motion: "Since the size of the two unit games is now more nearly equal, the rationale of long ago for the 60:40 reimbursement is no longer valid. It's time to do away with that arrangement and agree that any disparity, in either direction, will be ignored from now on." Ann and/or Marty will approach the WBL about this.
- Per Jim, in 2017, we set a new Unit Game attendance record – congrats to all!
- We will consider running a Learn Bridge in a Day program during the July regional in Reston. We might be able to get some funding from District 6 for this. We will discuss in March.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meeting will be held at 10:45 am on March 25, 2018 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA. The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Wertman, Secretary