

[Final as Approved]
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2018

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President
Georgette Weiss, Vice President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
John Wertman, Secretary
David Lindley, Board Member
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
George Parkins, Board Member
Howard Stevens, Board Member
Bob Boyd, NVBA Recorder
Amanda Carter, Regional Tournament Chair
Katy Culp, Bridge Heroes, ACBL Longest Day
Jim Gerding, Unit Game Chief Director
Joe Hertz, Website Liaison
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Liaison

Unable to attend: Ron Kral, Past President

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the March 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:45 a.m. on March 25, 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.

Action Items/New Business

Marty led a discussion of action items and new business:

- Bob Boyd has formed a committee along with NVBA members Carol Crawford, Susan Miskura, and Steve Reed to work on improving the A/X game during the Unit game. Attached to these minutes is a copy of a plan the committee has put together to survey A/X players. The document also details possible recommendations that will be considered. Interviews will be conducted soon and Bob's committee will report back to the Board in May or June.
- Margot Hennings recommended that the Board offer a \$5 goodwill discount to those individuals who played in the A/X game during the February NVBA sectional Thursday night at the Elks Club. There were 22 players and the 5.5-board Howell movement resulted in a significant sit out. The discount would be

applied to these players at the April Sectional Thursday night. The Board approved the discount and Margot will reach out to those affected.

- Amanda Carter led a discussion on the July Reston Regional. The schedule is now out and the budget has been approved by District 6. A \$2500 donation was made that will either be applied to help with parking fees or to cover costs of the Sunday lunch during the Swiss events. Georgette is heading the hospitality committee and a few folks have volunteered already – we will need additional food volunteers. Avril Rodney is heading the partnerships efforts. No final decision has been made yet on prizes. We might stick with \$2 bills, but we might give out wine glasses or t-shirts. There will be I/N hospitality all nights and general hospitality at least two nights. The hotel room count is contracted at 904 for the week. We have reached about a third of that commitment. One issue is that the hotel has apparently been advertising cheaper rates through discount sites, which is a violation of our contract.
- The 8 is Enough teams event was received positively by those who played and attendance was strong for the game. Marty would like to consider playing 8-is-Enough again for the October Club-Appreciation Swiss. The Board will discuss in a future month. One small issue was that we didn't have enough lower-ranked players. Joe suggested that we could adjust the strats for future games.
- The NVBA Annual Meeting is on May 10. John is in charge of ordering the Mini McKenney medals (done), printing free plays for the winners, and sending out letters to the winners asking them to attend and to RSVP to let us know if they will be joining us. The individuals running for the Board will send bios to Lucy for inclusion in the newsletter. Georgette is in charge of food for the meeting. The total budget is \$1500.
- Katy Culp led a discussion of the ACBL Longest Day, which is the week of June 17-24 this year. There are three levels of sponsorship for Bridge Heroes, which is the local team helping to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association. Bridge Heroes is running local auctions for an opportunity to play with top local players. Katy requested that the Board make the Unit Game on Thursday June 21 a Longest Day event. This was agreed to, and the Board will discuss related financial arrangements at next month's meeting. Kevin noted that he may move his game on June 21 to Beth El so that players can more easily play in both that and the Unit Game to support Longest Day. Attached is a document with some additional information from Katy.
- Jim indicated that he will be taking some time off as the Unit Game's director because of knee surgery. Steve Reed will direct on April 12 & 19 and Livingston Johnson will direct from April 26 until Jim is able to return.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meeting will be held at 9:00 am on April 29, 2018 at the Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge in Fairfax, VA. The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Wertman, Secretary