

NVBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Beth El Hebrew Congregation
November 11, 2018

Attendees:	Georgette Weiss	Vice President
	Ann Atcheson	Treasurer
	David Lindley	Board Member
	George Parkins	Board Member
	Kevin O'Brien	Board Member
	Jim Gerding	Unit Game Chief Director

Unable to attend:	Marty Bley	President
	John Wertman	Secretary
	Joe Hertz	Board Member
	Howard Stevens	Board Member

Call to Order: The Vice President called the November meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:54 am, when a quorum (more than half the board members in attendance) was reached.

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Minutes of the October Board meeting, prepared by the Vice President, were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Action Items:

- John Wertman being absent, a report on obtaining Dunn and Bradstreet and Better Business Bureau certification for NVBA was postponed until the next meeting.
- Dave Murray award: see below
- 2019 Budgets: Ann has prepared three versions of budget, differing in the amount of Unit Game Director compensation: see below.
- Table Cloths: George continues to gather information from club directors on their interest in buying table cloths for bridge tables at \$10 apiece.
- Vendors at Holiday Party: Tables will be in place for Cynthia Larré, Brenda Simon, and Anne Alden.
- Unit Game schedules for 2019: These were approved, with two small changes that Jim will take care of: A note about the \$2 security fee at Beth El will be added, and formatting will be made consistent on all pages.

New Business:

Valuation of Free Plays: Joe Hertz submitted by email a comment that as director of the 199er game at the Unit Game on Oct. 25, part of that weekend's NVBA Sectional, he had told a player with a free play from the B/C game, with an ostensible face value of \$10, that it was only worth \$8 when redeemed for play in the 199er game, even though the 199er game fee that evening was \$10. Jim Gerding explained that according to our established rules, a free play is always worth at least the value of the entry fee for the game in which it was awarded. Accordingly, Joe was incorrect in valuing the free play in this case at \$8. Jim will communicate with Joe to clarify the issue.

New convention charts: The new convention charts devised by ACBL take effect 11/22/2018 and will apply to the Unit Game and all ACBL-sanctioned tournaments from that date. Margot Hennings had raised the question in an email of if and how these standard charts should be amended for the various sections of the Unit Game and for future NVBA Sectionals. Joe Hertz supplied an email explaining how the conventions allowed by the ABCL charts differed in some respects from what has traditionally been allowed at the Unit Game and local sectionals. A full account of the charts is available at the ACBL website, <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/181AttachmentD.pdf>.

It was agreed by the Board that ACBL document cited here specifies the charts that must be used for different levels of competition at sectional, regional, and national tournaments. There appears to be no latitude to deviate from those charts. The Unit Game, however, does have some flexibility in allowing exceptions to the charts. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the following guidelines for the Unit Game:

- The 0-20 and 199er games will use the Basic chart;
- The B/C/D game will use the Basic+ chart, with the addition that transfer responses to 1C opening bids will be allowed;
- The A/X game will use the Open+ chart, with the addition that the Multi 2D opening bid will be allowed (the Open+ chart allows Multi 2D only when at least six boards are played per round);
- When the A/X and B/C/D games are combined into a single Open session, the Open chart will be used, and Multi 2D will not be allowed.

Holiday Party Planning: Georgette and Francesca Mazarella have agreed on a menu. David Lindley is taking care of the eggnog (he will check that there are two punch bowls in the Beth El closet). The Board still needs to select winners for the Dave Murray Award and the Ron and Mary Ann Kral Award, both to be presented at the Holiday Party. These decisions need to be made before the next Board meeting to allow time for trophies to be obtained. The Board will propose and discuss names by email. The directors of the 199er game will be asked for their recommendations for the Kral Award. We need to confirm with Ron Kral that he will order and obtain the trophies.

Name a coordinator for the "Eight is Enough" game, scheduled for October next year: It was previously agreed that a coordinator should be named no later than July next year. No further discussion took place.

Set a Discrepancy Limit for the Treasurer: After brief discussion, the Board expressed no desire to set a strict limit for accounting discrepancies that should be brought to the Board's attention. It will suffice to rely on the Treasurer's discretion in reporting any such concerns, as has been the case thus far.

Review Budget Alternatives: Ann prepared three 2019 budgets, with the Unit Game Director's compensation set at \$100, \$125, and \$150 per week respectively. The Board unanimously agreed to raise the compensation from \$100 (the current value) to \$125, leaving open the option of further review next year.

New Business: None

Next Meeting and Adjournment: The next NVBA Board meeting will be held at 10:45 am on December 9, 2018 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting adjourned at 11:51 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Lindley