

[FINAL AS APPROVED]
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2019

ATTENDEES: Georgette Weiss, Vice President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
John Wertman, Secretary
Joe Hertz, Board Member
David Lindley, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
George Parkins, Board Member
Jim Gerding, Unit Game Chief Director
Ron Kral, Webmaster
Eric Poskanzer, Membership Coordinator

Unable to attend: Marty Bley, President
Howard Stevens, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: The Vice President called the August 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:45 a.m. on August 11, 2019 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and unanimously approved.

Action Items/New Business

Georgette led a discussion of action items and new business:

- George indicated that there was no update on the Action Items. The NVBA Introductory Booklet is pushed to September. Online partnerships pushed to October. Regional KOs letter pushed to September as are Marty's items.
- Ann reported that we had \$97 in income from the recent Director's course.
- The Board approved our standard annual contribution of \$175 to the bridge game at St. Elizabeth's. We are holding off on a discussion of purchasing various trophies from their game.
- The Board discussed the possibility of holding a screening of the recent Double Dummy movie at our October Sectional. Cost would be \$150 for the screening and we would hold the event after play on Saturday Oct. 5. Board gives provisional approval for Kevin to investigate the logistics and for a \$250 expenditure to cover the cost of the screening and for some pizzas for those gathered if it seems feasible. If we move ahead, we will advertise the screening

both within and without bridge communities. The Board vote was 4 in favor; 1 opposed; and 2 abstaining.

- Monthly new rank awards: NVBA currently sends certificates to those who reach a new rank lower than Life Master. We discussed whether we should expand or curtail this program and/or perhaps include a free play that would be good for any game during a month-long period or perhaps just on one particular night when we would recognize these individuals. No decisions were made and the discussion will be continued at our September meeting.
- We also briefly discussed how we can bring back players who previously played at the Unit Game. We have good data on past attendees. This discussion will also continue next month.
- The Board is interested in compiling a list of all local GNT qualifiers on our website. We'll reach out to club owners for their help.
- Beth El is currently holding a fundraising project for their outdoor playground area. They donated to our Longest Day contribution by waiving rent for the evening of our event. Board votes to donate \$250 to Beth El.
- Ron would like to categorize all past I/N lectures on our website. We'd include a link to these on our weekly emails to members. They are searchable by topic and lecturer. There will also be a list of upcoming lectures.
- New Business: The ACBL has eliminated the position of Unit Recorder. Decisions will now be handled at the District level. The question is whether we want an Assistant District Recorder for our Unit. There's a Jan.1 effective date. We'll invite David Rodney to discuss the issue with us. We will also discuss an idea around Sectional Mixers – pro/am format.

NEXT MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 8 and Oct. 6 at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge. The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Wertman, Secretary