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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2019

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President  
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer  
John Wertman, Secretary  
Joe Hertz, Board Member  
David Lindley, Board Member  
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member  
George Parkins, Board Member  
Howard Stevens, Board Member  
Joia Hertz, Bridge in School Coordinator  
Ron Kral, Webmaster  
Eric Poskanzer, Membership Coordinator

Unable to attend: Georgette Weiss, Vice President

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the November 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:46 a.m. on November 10, 2019 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**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:

- Ann indicated that we made donations in honor of Carolyn Gibson and Janet Gookin.
- The Board has not decided yet whether to ask D6 if we can have an Assistant District Recorder. We will decide in future months as we continue to discuss the issue with interested parties.
- We have finished a draft (thanks largely to David) of an updated new member booklet. We will print 100 of the current ones to get us through the 2020 Annual Meeting, at which point we'll make the switch by ordering 250 of the new ones listing new Board members. The Board approved a motion for the expense of these booklets.
- The Board was asked to consider hiring a teacher for the lessons preceding the weekly Unit Game. Players are generally happy with lectures on any topics and we have a number of veteran players who can teach week to week. The lecturer gets a free play. Ron will take over running the program.

- The Board approved a motion to switch to the purchase of paper cups instead of Styrofoam cups for use at the Unit Game. While paper cups are slightly more expensive, paper cups are much better for the environment.
- Joe has been designing an app to use for bidding in bridge games. The Board approves allowing him to conduct a beta test during a weekly B/C game. The test may be expanded if needed.
- We have all plans in place for key items related to the Holiday Party. The Board will vote over email for annual awards. Marty will link up with Beth El re: set up for the Party. We will have at least two vendors at the event. David will send instructions for what to bring to players in the weekly email.
- The Board approved a motion to provide \$25 tips to the Beth El staff who help support the Unit Game.
- The next NVBA/WBL Directory will be produced in 2020. Rusty Krauss has offered to sponsor the document. Ron and Lucy will help put together our contents and Marty will reach out to WBL to coordinate.
- The Board approved a motion to increase Sectional session fees by \$1 per player. It will now become \$12 for Friday and Sunday and \$13 on Saturday. The Board also approved an increase to \$115 from \$100 for the TA fee per session at Sectional events.
- The Longest Day week coincides with the D6 STAC in 2020. The Board directs Marty to discuss the issue with the D6 Board to avoid conflicts.

NEXT MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meeting will be held at 10:45 a.m. on December 15 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Wertman, Secretary