

[FINAL AS APPROVED]
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2020

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President
Georgette Weiss, Vice President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
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
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Liaison & Editor

Unable to attend: John Wertman, Secretary
Howard Stevens, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the March 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:52 a.m. on March 15, 2020 in online format

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously. There was no February meeting of the Board.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and unanimously approved for both January and February.

Action Items/New Business

Marty led a discussion of action items and new business:

- Georgette provided a report on the District 6 meeting in Williamsburg:
 - A new venue—the Founder's Inn and Spa (a Hilton property)—for a Regional in VA Beach to replace the previous very popular Cavalier was discussed. Timeframe would be Nov. 2022.
 - The new President, John Markey, of the Southwest VA Unit was introduced. He replaces Rich Rio, who has been President of that unit (231) for several years. John's goal is to get young people involved in bridge, especially those from nearby colleges.
 - The ACBL Executive Director Joe Jones and this year's ACBL President Georgia Heth were introduced. They both came to Williamsburg specifically to attend the D6 meeting and to meet with players and D6 officials.
- Google Account Update
 - Joe indicated we have been paying 6 dollars a month for a single google account used only for the email for LM/NLM and tech support from the phone line for google voice which is used by Joe, Jim, Livingston, Francesca, and Jay
 - However no support is provided because that costs MORE \$\$\$, so essentially we are paying \$72/year for the ability to use the email for the LM/NLM game. Is it worth it? The feeling is that it is because it has additional features helpful to that game that aren't found in an ordinary gmail account, such as the ability to contact many people at once.

- How Do GP's work? Marty will ask Francesca AND Jay to draw up a statement of HOW the GP program works for the unit game and the sectionals. Board will review the two statements and then merge them to form a cohesive policy to be put in the P and P document. Unified policy will be shared with players as a whole, volunteers for GP and people who request partners and the people responsible for running the various partnership desks.
- Annual Meeting Planning
 - May 7
 - I have the Ace of Club Certificates – Allan Sitterson won for his category- He passed away recently. I will snail mail it to his wife. Additionally, Vonnie Lavender has won in her category. I will send the certificate to her.
 - The rest of them will be given to John Wertman and Handed out at the meeting.
 - John Wertman will take care of the Mini-McKenney awards etc. Sending invites to attend annual meeting to receive their award/certificate/free play.
 - Food BUDGET for ALL items is 1500 dollars
 - Ron will investigate Valentinos for dishes OTHER than Pizza
 - Lucy will investigate Monterrey Pizza (David Goldfranks' sons place) for their offerings
 - Decision will be made at April Board Meeting on the 5th. PLEASE send information to all board members via email prior to that date, March 30/April 1 at the latest.
 - Lucy will do cakes as per usual.
 - Georgette will do strawberries
 - Marty will polish bowls If necessary
 - Awards Data driven either by ACBL or Ron/Jim – One of them will tell MARTY WHO the people are by April 20 so she can get trophies engraved at Trophy Mart
 - Man of the Year
 - Woman of the Year
 - Rookie of the Year
 - Rush Buckley
 - Cakes – Life Masters – Lucy will take care of them
 - SIDE NOTE: Small trophies for Mark Shaw and Jay Kelkar who won the Margot/Don Hennings Barometer Pairs at our last Sectional in Feb, will also be engraved at the same time the Annual meeting ones are done. Marty has 'small' trophies for each of the above mentioned awards in her basement, some purchased and some reassigned. Lucy will tell Marty what they should say ;-)
- Covid- 19
 - Closing Decision was made TO make a bi-weekly decision based on climate and local events
 - At this time No Unit game until April 2 at the earliest. Ron Kral has it posted on the website that unit game is closed for March 19 and 26.
 - Board will Decide via email March 29/30 about April 2
 - Most if not ALL clubs in NVBA land are closed
 - Many in WBL land as well.
 - Matters were taken out of most club director/managers hands because Facilities have closed their doors to 'groups'.
 - George Parkins will email club directors and indicate that THEY should communicate with their players about their policy and decisions regarding having or not having a game. IF they wish to communicate their decisions WITH George, George will SHARE this with DAVID, who will put it in the 'weekly' email for all NVBA players to have updated information. IF a club owner does not communicate with George about his/her closings and or openings, NVBA is not responsible for indicating information about that persons games.
 - Players should communicate with the club owners/directors of a particular game for the status of that game.

- Owners/Managers can put the status of their games on the club message post at ACBL Live for Clubs.
- Longest Day
 - Ron and I attempted to find a person to be the HEAD of Bridge Heroes.
 - None of the previous persons wished to continue or return.
 - We approached several people who were not the head, neither of them indicated any interest in being in charge.
 - Many of the workers no longer wish to 'work', especially the ones who have participated for a number of years.
 - Therefore, we decided that a year off would be in order and this is the perfect year to do that for the following reasons.
 - ACBL has determined that the LONGEST DAY is from the Wednesday before and the Wednesday after June 21 (Sunday).
 - These dates overlap with our District 6 STaC for June.
 - Clubs who have a game Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday have to 'choose' between STaC or Longest Day, as one cannot do both.
 - Club directors can choose to do a STaC or Longest Day game. On their own depending on the day of the week their game is located.
 - It is up to the CLUB director to advertise and support his/her own decision.
 - NO support will be provided by Bridge Heroes as in the past, no food, no cakes, no pizza, no banners, or purple decorations.
 - IF the Longest Day Lady from Alzheimers' wants to visit each club that is up to her and the club director to work out.
 - The unit game will run a STaC game on that particular Thursday (June 18) and a 'donation bucket' will be put out for the LONGEST DAY. Contributions will be sent directly to Alzheimer's Association from NVBA unit 218.
 - There will be no player auction and no goods and services auction.
 - Marty will draft a letter/email to send to the NVBA club directors regarding this issue.
 - IF they wish to communicate their plans with us, we can communicate that to the players via the website or weekly emails. IF they choose not to tell us, we are under no obligation to find out their plans or communicate their plans to the players in NVBA Land.
- April Sectional YES or NO, decide on the 19th of April. Margot has requested we make a decision regarding holding it or not based on life then. Board has agreed to revisit it at next Board meeting and/or the 19th of April.
- List of ONLINE playing sites is in lower right hand corner of NVBA website.
 - a. Hoping David can include a few words about this possibility in his next weekly email.
 - b. Anyone who needs help figuring it out can call/email Marty Bley for help.
 - c. Kevin indicated that ACBL/BBO will most likely have a club feature for closed clubs to provide a venue for directors/club owners/players/ACBL and BBO to continue to 'make' money and let players earn points. Possibly within two weeks' time.
- 2021 and 2023 Contracts for Reston (D6) regional
 - a. Were signed by Shawn and Jane back in late Fall 2019.
 - b. Marty and Ross will be TC's for 2023, if all goes well.
 - c. But have booked a cruise for 2021, time frame, so Shawn is looking for a TC.
- A gentleman who lives in Haymarket, asked Marty to 'invite' his Russian online partner to the Reston Regional this coming July.
 - a. He indicated she would most likely be unable to attend without an invitation.
 - b. Margot also indicated that in her experience with NABC Tournaments, people from countries such as Russia and others places needed an invitation in order to be given permission to leave their country.

- c. The gentleman's Name is Dan Gliga and his online partner is Aleksandra NiKitina.
 - d. They both play on BBO under the names of Danut and Sirena on BBO.
 - e. Marty is drafting the letter to be sent to Dan.
 - f. She will send the letter to Margot, Lucy and Ron for suggestions/modifications, etc.
 - g. IF you would like to see it, email Marty ;-)
- Georgia Booker is going to replace David Lindley on the Board beginning May 2020. David will still continue to do the newsletter and weekly emails. As far as Marty Bley knows, all other people whose terms end 2020, are willing to participate until 2022? If that is not correct, please tell Marty NOW ;-)

NEXT MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. on April 5 online. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha DeVries Bley, President