

**Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 05,
2022**

ATTENDEES: Georgette Weiss, President
Jay Simon, Vice President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
John Wertman, Board Member
Joe Hertz, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
Jamie Dahlberg, Board Member
Jason Carter, Board Member
Marty Bley, NVBA Immediate Past President
Margot Hennings, Region 4 Director, NVBA Tournament Chair
Ron Kral, Webmaster
Lucy McCoy, NVBA Newsletter Editor
Ed Egan, Weekly NVBA Newsletter co-editor
Howard Stevens, Unit Game Director

Unable to attend: Georgia Booker, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: President Georgette Weiss called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:31 am on June 05, 2022, via Zoom.

Secretary's Report

In the absence of the Secretary, approval of minutes for the previous meeting was postponed

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report (April and May 2022 financial statements) was unanimously approved.

Free Plays

Background: Free Plays are traditionally awarded to Unit Board Members and others as tokens of appreciation for services rendered, as set out in NVBA's Policies and Procedures. These awards are distributed at the end of each year of service, to avoid people collecting awards in advance of serving, then resigning their positions – which apparently happened at least once in the distant past.

The Board unanimously approved forgoing its member free plays for years from annual meeting in May 2019 through May 2020, 2020-21, and 2021-22

The Board approved returning to Free Play awards for Webmaster and Membership Secretary -- dropping the pandemic policy of checks (as there were no in-person Unit Games during the pandemic) previously approved and given for service. This will go into effect after June 30 (no formal vote on this).

Sectionals

Margot Hennings led a lengthy discussion of the upcoming currently-scheduled NVBA Sectionals in September and October 2022. Rob Maier (May NVBA Sectional DiC) recommended as DiC for September, and dropping October Sectional from the schedule. Margot is not available to chair any NVBA October Sectional. Georgette will talk to WBL President Hadi Abushakra about WBL's fall Sectional date.

Board unanimously approved NVBA's September 8-11 Sectional and our canceling October Sectional. Margot will follow up with Elks and ACBL.

Board unanimously approved three NVBA Sectionals for 2023 – February, March 30-April 2, and October.

Unit Game

Extensive discussion by the Board of the following Unit Game-related items took place at various times during the meeting. Decisions reached are all reported here.

In-Person games every other week at least through end of August; resume both WBL and NVBA Unit Games weekly beginning no earlier than week of Sept 1 2022. Jim will coordinate with Ted Ying of WBL.

NVBA needs the revenue from online Unit Game to support the In-Person Unit Game and its current and projected financial loss.

COVID-phobia is real. The Board had an extensive discussion of how to reduce it, so more players will return to In-Person play.

Jim will get revised Unit Game schedule to Ron for posting on nvba.org

No increase in Unit Game entry fee or player contribution toward Beth El security fee through end of 2022

No refreshments beyond bottled water through end of 2022.

No LM-NLM game or Leo Cardillo Memorial 8-is-enough Team Game in 2022. Each event is best as an Annual Special Event.

Jay Simon will check with David Rodney about D6 running its monthly Wed eve game as a Mentor game

Pre-game lectures by Jeff Roman (routinely gets about six people) for the online Unit Game remain popular

Post-game hand analysis attendance shrank for Memorial Day weekend Unit Game Thurs May 26. Revised procedures for post-game hand analysis might increase player participation, e.g. picking a few boards or asking participants which boards they want to discuss

Results & Awards

No Mini-McKenney Award medals for NVBA winners for Calendar Year 2021

Masterpoint-based awards for NVBA events for pandemic years will not be awarded as Ron Kral's software can't process BBO-generated game file equivalents. As for Calendar Year (or is it Nov 2022 through Nov 23?) awards for future years, we can revisit this item in October or November.

NVBA nomination to D6 Goodwill Committee

Jay Simon is our nominee, unanimous consent

The Longest Day – Bridge Heroes team

June 23 Unit Game date; contributions by credit card can be done in advance by players through the Bridge Heroes site, <https://act.alz.org/goto/BridgeHeroes>

There will be no 2022 Player Auction for The Longest Day.

Adding On-Line Games to the Local Schedule under NVBA Sanction

All earlier on-line "NVBA Collective" games died due to failed attendance. No reason to invest time and effort (and Director salaries) to revive any of these games

Baltimore Regional

Entry Express (new ACBL software tested in Reno) will be used in Baltimore
Schedule is simplified – two-session Open & Gold Rush Pairs, Bracketed Teams daily
Hoping to do \$Free lunch for players (and staff?) in Baltimore as was done in Rehoboth Beach, but not yet worked out with hotel
Bridge University progressing, recruiting for presenters is ongoing
Commuter parking subsidized by Krauss Investment Group
If there are at least three separate tables of beginners following Bridge University, there will be a separate game for them – else they play Gold Rush in Strat C

New Business

Discuss/clarify vaccination policy and marketing for the NVBA September 2022
Sectional flyer
Review progress on Bridge University for Baltimore

Action items for next meeting

*** Other Action Items may be found above, these are the ones specifically mentioned as the meeting drew to its close ***

- Jim will revise every-other-week In-Person for each Unit, weekly Online Unit Game schedule for at least through end of August for Ron to post on NVBA Website on June 7.
- Georgette will communicate every-other-week In-Person to Beth EI (Liz) and WBL (Hadi)
- Marty will keep us posted on the Baltimore Regional progress

The next NVBA Board meeting will be on Zoom at 9:30 am on Sunday, July 10

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 am

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin O'Brien