

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2022

ATTENDEES: Georgette Weiss, President
Marty Bley, Interested Person
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
Ed Egan, Newsletter
Georgia Booker, Secretary
Joe Hertz, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
Howard Stevens, Board Member
Ron Kral, Webmaster
Jason Carter, Board Member
Jamie Dahlberg, Board Member
Duncan Wainwright, Interested Person

Unable to attend: John Wertman, Board Member
Jay Simons, Vice President

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:31 a.m.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the previous meeting were not available at the meeting but will be sent electronically for review. Board members will email their vote regarding the minutes to President Weiss.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.

Action Items/New Business

- A lengthy discussion ensued on whether there is a need to revisit and update the "Free Play" policy that is currently in place. It was decided to continue with current guidelines.
- As a point of reference, at the June 2022 meeting the Board discussed potential inducements to attract Guaranteed partners, including a cash payment in the amount of the Unit Game price, allowing players to transfer their free plays to partners and team members, or giving them ACBL scripts that can be used at Sectional and Regional tournaments.
- The Board agreed that a member holding Free Plays and using one to play in an event may also use additional Free Plays for a partner and/or teammates in the same event.
- President Weiss will request the template for free plays from John Wertman, former secretary of the Board.

- The Board discussed the items included in Margot Hennings' email regarding the NVBA September Sectional. Staffing, schedule of games and COVID requirements were discussed. President Weiss will report on approval of items with Margot Hennings and let her know that additional staffing of Caddies is available for the event.
- There are currently no plans to schedule weekly face to face unit games and therefore the joint meeting with WBL will not be scheduled until there is a decision to return to the regular schedule of weekly games.
- Kevin O'Brien reported on this year's extraordinary success of Longest Day contributions of over \$16,000 for the Alzheimer's Association. The Bridge Heroes team is accepting Longest Day donations for the annual fund-raising campaign through August 31, 2022. Our current standing is 8th place among 168 teams. A special thank you to the tremendous generosity of NVBA members, NVBA Board members, other local players, their friends, and relatives who contributed to this effort.
- Marty Bley offered an update on the Baltimore Regional. With all things considered, she expects a good turnout and successful event.
- Joe Hertz reported on the renewal of the SSL certificate for NVBA. It was approved that the treasurer has the approval to pay for renewal of the certificate. Joe Hertz will send her the contact information.

New Business and Action Items

- Kevin O'Brien will review and update Policy and Procedure document.
- Officers and other concerned parties will update their duties in the P&P document and report updates to Kevin O'Brien to be included in revised document.
- President Weiss will be in touch with Margot Hennings regarding items for the September Sectional.
- Joe Hertz will send SSL invoice to Ann Atcherson for payment of renewal.
- Kevin O'Brien will send June's minutes electronically. Members will email their approval/comments to President Weiss.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on *August 7, 2022*. The meeting adjourned at *10:57 a.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Georgia Arrington Booker, Secretary