

Joint Board of Directors Planning Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2022

NVBA ATTENDEES:

Georgette Weiss, President
Jay Simon, Vice President
Marty Bley, Interested Person
Margot Hennings, District 6
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
Ed Egan, Newsletter
Georgia Booker, Secretary
Joe Hertz, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
Howard Stevens, Education Chair
Ron Kral, Webmaster
Jason Carter, Board Member
Jamie Dahlberg, Board Member
John Wertman, Board Member
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter

WBL ATTENDEES:

Hadi Abushakra
Linda Marshall
Herb Shulken
Robert Bell
Linda Marshall
Barbara Doran
Alexander Stille
Kathy Kopindky
Alex Grestsinger

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the meeting of the Joint WBL and NVBA Board of Directors to order at 9:32 a.m.

Joint Planning Session

A lengthy discussion ensued on whether to continue with alternating weeks of in person and online bridge sessions for both units. After input from participants of both Boards, it was decided to continue with the current format and experiment with holding in person bridge sessions on Thursdays, September 8 and September 29 as part of the September Sections, and eliminating the online sessions on those two dates. President Hadi (WBL) said that he would take a vote with his membership to decide if we should remain with the same schedule. It was suggested that we conduct a survey and obtain results on the format that we want to follow for the remainder of the 2022 club year.

At the conclusion of the Joint Board planning session, WBL signed off and NVBA conducted its regular scheduled Board meeting.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.

Action Items/New Business

- Margot Hennings gave an update on the upcoming September Sectionals. Bob Cole will direct the tournament. The Sectional will be a two-session event. The AX limit will be raised to 6000 points. Joe Hertz will provide a registration link for participants to upload their vaccine records. Jay Simon and Marty Bley will serve as partnership co-chairs.
- Marty Bley gave a report on the August Regional in Baltimore. She noted a few issues with the hotel. Otherwise, she feels that the Regional Tournament will be a successful event.
- Ron Kral gave a report on Bridge University that will take place during the Baltimore Regional.
- Joe Hertz reported that the SSL certificate has been renewed for the next five years.
- Kevin O'Brien gave an update on the successful Longest Day/Bridge Heroes project for 2022. He thanked everyone for participating. Contributions will be accepted until August 31, 2022.
- Jim Gerding will send the NVBA free play certificate template to President Weiss for duplication.
- Ron Kral agreed that we should wait for the second round of classes sponsored by the ACBL Education Foundation.
- In and Out reports are to be forwarded to all concerned at: Management@NVBA.org.
- Jamie Dalhgren reported that there is still space for more participants at the team building activity. Interested parties should contact him directly. He was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the Board.

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.
- Joe Hertz will provide an email address for Pre-registration for the September Sectional.
- John Wertman will work on the possibility of a new location for Unit games.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on *September 25, 2022*. The meeting adjourned at *11:15 a.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Georgia Arrington Booker, Secretary