

NVBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2023

**ATTENDEES:**

Georgette Weiss, President  
Jay Simons, Vice President  
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer  
Georgia Booker, Secretary  
Jason Carter, Board Member  
Joe Hertz, Board Member  
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member  
Jamie Dahlberg, Board Member  
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Editor  
Jim Gerding, Unit Game Chief Director  
Howard Stevens, Education Chair  
Ed Egan, Weekly Email Newsletter  
Ron Kral, Webmaster  
John Wertman, Board Member

Unable to Attend: Marty Bley, Immediate Past President  
Margot Hennings, **Region** 4 Director

**CALL TO ORDER:** The President called the meeting of the NVBA Board of Directors to order at 9:40 a.m.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the January meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and unanimously approved.

**Agenda Items**

- After a lengthy discussion on Guaranteed Partners, it was voted that a Guaranteed Partner shall (1) not pay to play in games in which she/he is paired with a partner; (2) shall not pay a security fee if and when applicable; (3) shall receive a free play for later use for every session in which he or she is paired with and partner; (4) and, shall receive a single free play if she/he is not paired with a partner on any given day, regardless of how many sessions would have been played that day.
- Marty, Jay and Jason will discuss further who will be a Guaranteed Partner for any given day/event.
- A decision to offer a Life Master and non-Life Master game was tabled.
- A discussion ensued on the use of zoom/video in the online games to provide an opportunity for sociability. It was decided that this feature will be offered at Thursday's Unit game on a trial basis. It will be advertised on the website and in the weekly Newsletter.

- John Wertman provided valuable information on the geographic analysis of data from a survey on the center point and average rush hour traffic pattern of NVBA members. The data, based on NVBA membership dispersion, revealed that the most ideal locations for members are near the Beltway and Route 66 and/or Tysons Corner and the Beltway. John Wertman and Jaime Dahlberg will work on identifying sites near those locations in the event we move unit games from Beth El.
- It was agreed that we do not offer pre- game lessons at the present due to low attendance at the Unit games.
- Margot Hennings could not attend the meeting but sent an email regarding the February Sectional. The board members were given an opportunity to read and digest content.
- President Weiss and Kevin O'Brien reviewed the Policy and Procedure Manual paying particular attention to duties of Board members and Free Play. President Weiss requested those who had not perused and updated their job description to do so immediately and report their findings to her as soon as possible.

#### **New Business**

- Annual Meeting will be held at Beth El on May 11, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Announcements will appear in the Weekly Newsletter and RSVPs are encouraged since dinner will be served. There will be an opportunity to attend the meeting online via zoom as a quorum is necessary.

#### **Action Items**

- President Weiss will speak with Doug Grove about Parliamentarian position.
- President Weiss will email a copy of the revised Welcome to New Members publication to the entire board.
- President Weiss will email Liz Byer, the contact person at Beth El to let her know that we will be continuing games every other week for the next quarter. In addition, she will inform Ms. Byer of the date of the annual meeting with dinner and start time at 5:30 pm.
- President Weiss will contact Susan Miskura regarding advertising the unit game on the "Next Door" website.
- President Weiss will email Keith Hafen regarding alternate sites for the unit games.
- Ron Kral will have the updated Handbook for New Members printed.
- Kevin O'Brien will investigate the cost of medals to be given out at the Annual meeting.

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:** The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on *Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.* The meeting adjourned at *12:30 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Georgia Arrington Booker, Secretary