

## Minutes of June 2, 2024 NVBA (Online Zoom) Board Meeting

Zoom permanent meeting link

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Dial in: 301 715 8592; Meeting ID: 847 5129 9165

Attendees:

President: Georgette Weiss; Vice-President: Jay Simon; Past President: Marty Bley

Treasurer: Ann Atcheson; Secretary: Hal Jones

Board Members: Georgia Booker; Jason Carter; Jamie Dahlberg; Terry Jones; Joe Hertz

Past Board Member/Longest Day/ Intermediate/Novice Program: Kevin Obrien

Unit Game Chief Director: Jim Gerding; Newsletter Liaison and Editor: Lucy McCoy

Time	Presenter/ Lead	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action(s)	Assigned To	Open/ Closed
9:34	Georgette	Call to Order				
9:34	Georgette Weiss	Approval of Minutes	Seek approval of Feb and April Board Meeting Minutes. Mentioned that Annual Meeting Minutes will be approved at next Annual Meeting.	Moved and Seconded and Approved		Closed

9:36	Ann Atcheson	Treasurer's Report	<p>Includes 4 Documents: April 2024 Financial Statements (Includes: NVBA Balance Sheet Prev. Year Comparison; YTD Profit and Loss by Class; YTD Profit and Loss Budget Overview; YTD F2F Unit Game Profit and Loss by Month; F2F Unit Game Profit and Loss YTD Comparison: YTD F2F Profit and Loss Budget Overview; Online Unit Game YTD Comparison; YTD Online Profit and Loss Budget Overview; YTD Sectional Profit and Loss by Quarter; YTD Sectional Profit and Loss Budget to Actual); 2023 Form 990, Tax Return Package; CPA Review of 2023 NVBA Accounting; and Draft Financial</p>	Moved and Seconded and Approved		Closed
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			<p>Statement Draft for May Sectional.</p> <p>One can find these documents on NVBA Web page under Financials. The Draft Financial Statement for the May Sectional will be added upon its finalization.</p> <p>Miscellaneous discussion comments: Unit is making about \$1000 per Sectional. Normally.</p> <p>Unit would get a share of District 6 Revenue from the District 6 monthly online game. However, the District is not making a profit; hence no share of that revenue to the Unit.</p>			
9:41	Jay Simon	Challenges with Distribution	There seems to have been some challenges in getting the Distribution	Joe Hertz to resend the report.		Assumed Closed.

		Report distribution	Report to all the required parties. It typically goes out on the last day of the month.			
9:42	Marty Bley	Recap of latest status regarding Reston Regional.	<p>Currently, we are <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> to <math>\frac{1}{3}</math> below the room reservations as established by the Room Block agreement in the contract.</p> <p>Unless we have an unexpected late surge in bookings, District 6 could incur a significant penalty.</p> <p>Doug Grove is in charge of Parking. Expect ACBL to provide results from parking for the last Regional.</p> <p>We still need caddies. They earn about \$50 per session. Georgette is in- charge of caddies, so send any suggestions for caddies to her.</p>			

			<p>Allan Crank will be chief caddie. David has previously said he'll caddie, but it still needs to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Regional Entry Fee will be \$16 per session. This does NOT include anything for meals. Participants will be responsible for their own lunches.</p> <p>Still trying to negotiate a food line provided by the hotel.</p> <p>Reston and Baltimore will be the last two Regionals that Mary and Ross win run. We are looking for volunteers to run future D6 regionals.</p>			
9:50	Jay Simon	NVBA Sectional Planning	Jay requested and received input for upcoming NVBA			

			<p>Sectional Plans to address feedback from various members and questions from Margot Hennings.</p> <p>Topic 1: Should we keep the Saturday a 2-session event with qualifying? People pay once for both sessions. It would be a bigger burden having to take money for the second session. Consensus after discussions was to keep it as is.</p> <p>Topic 2: Address member feedback about changing the stratified limits for the under 499er game and the B/C games. Pros and cons on potential impact to various groups were discussed. Consensus was to keep the stratified limits as is. Someone mentioned that ACBL has rules on stratified</p>	<p>Someone should research ACBL stratified limit guidelines.</p>	<p>Unassigned</p>	<p>Open</p>
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			<p>limits. It was suggested that should be researched.</p> <p>Topic 3: Triple Nickel event. 5-5-5 on Friday evenings. The history of the 5-5-5 game was discussed and how it has evolved to the current offering where all teams play in the same event with low masterpoint average teams having to play against the “big” guys.</p> <p>Consensus was to keep as is unless there is a large increase in participation.</p> <p>Topic 4: Do we ever consider having a handicapped system for some of the team games like the 5-5-5? Comments included that the ACBL only allows</p>	<p>Jay to provide Sectional Planning feedback to Margot.</p>	<p>Jay</p>	<p>Open</p>
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			handicaps for certain events.			
10:14	Jay	Introduce new Board Members	<p>Terry Jones raised an issue that she has with serving on a Board since she is an Investment Advisor and has some work-related limitations on what she can participate in. Terry Jones' disclaimer:</p> <p><i>"Going forward, as a registered representative of Avantax I cannot make investment recommendations, select possible candidates to serve on any investment accounts, or act in any capacity on any accounts where investments are being held for the Northern Virginia Bridge Association."</i></p>	Terry to provide Hal the language that describes her limitations and Hal to include the language in the minutes.	Terry/Hal	Closed via 7/2 email
10:16	Jay/Jim/Lucy	Reschedule of LM/NLM game	Various suggested dates were discussed with the final recommendation to reschedule the LM/NLM game on			



			Sep 19. This would require Lucy to get on STAC game scheduled for the 19 <sup>th</sup> moved to the 26 <sup>th</sup> of September	Lucy to coordinate the reschedule of the STAC game to 9/26	Lucy	Open/ Closed per subsequent email.
10:22	Jay	Whether to establish an online 499er game as requested by SE Carolina consortium	<p>This was proposed as the NVBA co-sponsoring this event. It would require us providing a Director. Joe Hertz volunteered to direct if the game were held on a Tues or Wed evening. Pros and Cons included recognition of the ACBL's efforts to return to F2F games and the potential funds raised if the game is well attended like other SE Carolina Consortium online games.</p> <p>Off-topic comment: Kevin thinks we can help grow the non life-masters membership through</p>	Jay to provide feedback to SE Carolina Consortium and provide information on any agreements.	Jay	Open

			<p>the supervised teaching that they did this past Thursday. He also mentioned that his participation in this effort is limited by other obligations.</p>			
10:24	Kevin OBrien	Longest Day planning	<p>The Unit's Longest Day game will be on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Some questions were raised on how the Longest Day game was run with the resulting contributions to Alzheimer's Research. Kevin provided a history of how the Unit handles the contributions. First, the Unit waives any game fees or security fees for that game and instead encourages people to contribute at least that amount to the Alzheimer's Research bucket that is provided. The contributions are counted and turned</p>			

			<p>over to Kevin for further submission to the Alzheimer's research charity. It was mentioned that ACBL also contributes what would have been game fees submitted to them to Alzheimer's Research separately. All NVBA F2F games held that week are also encouraged to collect donations for the Alzheimer's Research during the "Longest Day" week. It was mentioned that some promotion might be appropriate. Someone asked how much we typically raise and it was suggested as well over \$1000. Ann thought it was about \$1200 last year and Jim thought it might have been as high as \$15-1600.</p>			
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			<p>Previously, prior to COVID, the Unit budgeted about \$1800 for Alzheimer's Research in relation to the Longest Day and made up the difference if \$1800 contributions were reached. The Unit no longer has this in the Budget.</p>			
10:40	Jay	Alternate Unit Game Locations	<p>Jay announced that we will have an alternate Unit Game location for the October Unit Games. One will likely be the Lutheran Church on Little River Turnpike where Keith holds his Tuesday game. Another likely site will be St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Arlington where Gene holds his games. Both these locations might be able to host the game given its current attendance.</p>			

			<p>If the attendance increased, we might have capacity limits at these locations. Jay will provide an analysis of the potential alternate sites at the next Board Meeting. Jay might consider researching both the Salvation Army location on Ox Road and the Knights of Columbus location in Arlington as locations that might handle an increase in attendance that would exceed the Lutheran or Episcopal church locations.</p>			
10:55	Jay Simon	Partnership Chair	Need volunteers to replace/assist Jason Carter in Partnership	Recruit new/assistant Part. Chair	Unassigned	Open
10:59	Jay Simon	Next Meeting	July 14, 2024			
11:00	Jay Simon	Adjourn				