

NVBA Board Meeting June 22 2025

Attendees as Board Members:

President: Georgette Weiss; Vice-President: Jay Simon; Past President: Marty Bley; Treasurer: Ann Atcheson; Secretary: David Goldfrank; Board Members: Jason Carter, Joe Hertz, Hal Jones, Terry Jones.

Attendees as Non-Voting:

ACBL President: Margot Hennings, also Sectional Tournament Chair; Weekly Email Production: Daniel Morgan; Howard Stevens; Duncan Wainwright.

9:43: Georgette Weiss called the meeting to order.

9:45: Ann Atcheson gave a brief treasurer's report, based on the 14-page, May 31 formal financial report and noted that our recent sectional has a projected \$600. (When posted, these reports are found at <https://www.nvba.org/financials/Financials.php>) It was noted that Susan Doerner, CPA, who has been doing the required annual review letters (also so posted) has stepped down from this role. Dan Morgan will appeal in his next weekly NVBA email for a replacement for Susan.

9:57: Marty Bley said raising the Unit Game price had not hurt us and wished we had done this earlier.

9:58: Joe Hertz noted that we need one last brief bio for the printing of the Newcomer Book, which Ron Kral handles, and that this needs to be remedied quickly.

10:01 Concerning the problematic cost of the quarterly newsletter which has been suspended, nobody rejected as insufficient Dan's informative weekly email to our NVBA membership.

10:02 Joe also noted that Gmail charges us \$86.40 a year for an email account we aren't really using (was obtained in support of the LM/NLM game when it was larger), and the price is going up. So discontinuing it would help pay for Bitbucket, which he and Ron use to manage the development of the website, and have just outgrown its free service. That will cost \$180 a year. Successive unanimous votes approved both suggestions.

10:07 Concerning the problematic 0-699 game, for which Duncan Wainwright is willing to create a new flyer, but where competition from online club games has proven ruinous, Joe suggested advertising at regionals and then holding them right after regionals. Margot Hennings suggested making them open beyond our district. The discussion also touched on the mixed results for income from online club games.

10:14: Georgette noted that the 15-16 table attendance at the May 15 Annual Meeting was par and that she needs to ensure that the minutes be sent to the district and to ACBL.

10:18: Jay Simon thanked those of us who sent further correctives to the revised NVBA Policies and Procedures Manual and shall have the final version done shortly.

10:19: Jay also noted that Jason Carter's thorough-going telephoning for the Return to the Fold initiative had proven successful. Jason added that it produced financial benefits for NVBA.

10:24: Georgette noted that there had been a Longest Day organization issue, namely that our fundraising manager Katy Culp had not been able to coordinate with Kevin O'Brian, who operated completely separately from her. The sum total collected for Alzheimer's at the Wednesday day and Thursday evening (Unit) games at St. Andrews yielded close around \$1750, and this is not our final total. Georgette plans to ask Katy to continue as coordinator.

10:25: In the realm of New Business, Jay noted the need to update our website concerning the Good Will award list (for a combination of volunteering and high ethical standards), while Margot clarified that the national Good Will awards are totally separate from those of districts and lower ACBL units, half of which lack the Good Will award. Former Board Secretary Hal Jones may be able to access this list for us and circulation. Georgette and Jay nominated Dan Morgan as the next recipient of this award.

10:35: Concerning the death of Jim Gerding's mother, whom some of us remember as a good bridge player, we spoke of collective condolence notes signed at the Longest Day game. Dan will place further condolences in the next weekly email.

10:41—to the end: We recapped our various mandated and self-mandated tasks resulting from this meeting.

10:45: As we were doing this: Georgette gave herself a new task by reminding us that 2025 (namely November 1) is the 100th anniversary of contract bridge. She will check with Lucy McCoy concerning how and when we celebrate.

10:51: We adjourned.

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