

(draft) NVBA Board Meeting August 10 2025

Attendees as Board Members:

President: Georgette Weiss; Treasurer: Ann Atcheson; Secretary: David Goldfrank; Board Members: Joe Hertz, Hal Jones, Terry Jones.

Attendees as Non-Voting:

ACBL President, also Sectional Tournament Chair: Margot Hennings; Webmaster: Ron Kral; Weekly Email Production: Daniel Morgan; 0-699 Coordinator: Duncan Wainwright.

9:36: Georgette called the meeting to order.

9:37: The discussion of the draft minutes for the June 22 meeting led to Terry's clarification of two issues concerning the examination of finances. First, our Constitution & By-Laws need revision, replacing the words *audit* and *auditor*, since these words themselves are legally associated only with certified CPA's. Second, we welcomed Harry Potter's offer to help. He is no longer a CPA since his license expired in June, therefore, he cannot perform a formal review. However, he suggested to Ann that he might be able to perform certain tests of internal controls that do not rise to the level of a review. Terry suggested that she and Harry contact the Virginia Board of Accountancy to clarify the extent of services that Harry would be able to provide.

The draft minutes themselves were appropriately corrected and approved.

9:50: Ann gave a brief treasurer's report based on the monthly statements for June and July which she had supplied for us. She noted that July had been weak due to the Nationals being held at the same time. We further discussed the \$1 Grass Roots Fund (collection—and extra \$1 cost for Saturday games at Sectionals, to help District expenses), but decided for the present to leave things alone.

10:00: Margot elaborated on the recent revision to ACBL policy which gives club managers discretion to allow players who have been suspended for online cheating to still play in club games during the term of their suspension, although not with the partner with whom they colluded. The offending players would not be eligible receive masterpoints. She then explained various aspects of this issue, including the practical problem of some clubs needing such players to survive vs. the absolute refusal of some regulars to participate in a game with such players, and that an ACBL survey of club managers indicated a slight favoring of club discretion. Since NVBA has two members under suspension, she also urged everybody to consult <https://www.acbl.org/ethics/> and https://web2.acbl.org/discipline/Eligibility_for_limited_club_play.pdf for details concerning this matter. We agreed to wait a month before attempting to reach our own decision.

10:28: Ron updated us on continuing problems with getting the Newcomer Booklet printed, primarily because of mistakes made by the initial printer. He is in the process of finding another printer.

10:32: Duncan suggested that the best 0-699 Game attendance occurs when they offer red points.

10:34: Ann has some further suggested changes to Jay's completed revisions of our Policies and Procedures document—to be taken up at our next meeting.

10:39: Return to the Fold program: we thanked Jason Carter for his efforts in making so many calls to members on the list. As a result of the number of those who formally rejoined, our payment from ACBL for the second quarter was \$1,672.65, following the first quarter amount of \$1,856, more than we were receiving before the Return to the Fold program was initiated.

10:40: Georgette said the question of a November 2025 celebration of the centennial of contract bridge will be discussed with WBL at our joint meeting later today.

10:41: Georgette reviewed the issues to be discussed at our next meeting: a) our policy regarding suspended members and outsiders; b) update on the Newcomers Booklet; c) the Good Will award list; d) Policies and Procedures revisions. Terry will contact Harry Potter to discuss scope of services that he can perform as a non-CPA volunteer.

10:42: The next NVBA Board Meeting was set for September 7.

10:44: Additional non-agenda items discussed included the upcoming District Board meeting at the Baltimore/Hanover regional on August 21, and the overall success of the Chantilly regional, resulting in a profit of approximately \$10,000, plus a promised \$2,500 from Rusty Krauss.

10:50: We adjourned.