NVBA Board Meeting September 13, 2026 – Minutes

Attendees as Board Members: President: Georgette Weiss; Treasurer: Ann Atcheson; Secretary: David Goldfrank; Jason Carter; Joe Hertz; Hal Hindman; Terry Jones; Daniel Morgan.

Attendees as Non-Voting: Past President Marty Bley; Tournament Chair Margot Hennings; Webmaster Ron Kral; Newsletter Liaison/Editor Lucy McCoy.

Initial Procedures

9:39: Georgette called the meeting to order.

9:39: The August 9 Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

9:40: Approval of the detailed August Financial Report after Ann made a minor clarification: that five NVBA members qualified via rank advancement for a free Unit Game (one regular Unit Game player, two less regular, two others).

Old Business

9:41: Fall Sectional (September 24-27): It was noted that the Sectional flyer had been printed and distributed, that the website had been updated, and that we need to find one more caddie, since a regular cannot do it this time. Georgette has been in contact with Brenda Egeland concerning the use of RSVP Bridge for registering; Margot made an appeal that we spread the word by all means possible for people to so utilize RSVP Bridge; and Marty reported that 300 NVBA members and sectional attendees had been emailed about this.

9:51: Position Descriptions: It was noted that Jay sent an update to ACBL on August 4, and that there had been no update since 2022.

9.52: Newcomer Welcoming Letter: Terry clarified that prior to the previous, August 9, Board Meeting, which she had been unable to attend, she had made all the changes recommended at the June 30 Board Meeting. After we approved the changes, she further clarified that she planned to email it to all teachers listed on our website as well as make it available for others to distribute.

9:55: RSVP Bridge Sign-up: A link/column has been added to the Clubs Page on the NVBA.org website, but we still must induce more people to use it for the Unit Game. It was noted that some people use it now to obtain Unit Game partnerships.

9:57: Return to the Fold: Jason reported that he is in touch with ACBL; that the link went out to 72 people; and that, in keeping with current ACBL policy, our Unit obtains some compensation for these efforts.

10:00: Electronic Recording of Bidding at One Table: Joe informed us that his current efforts, including the written report on the planned bid-box app for the sight impaired, are on hold for at least a month.

10:01: Mentorship status and feedback: Dan reported that our 12 pairs of mentors and mentees from early August had grown to 18, with one more mentor needed right now, and that he hoped that we could induce more established players to mentor.

10:03: Potential Google Survey on Live Game Participation: Dan reported that this effort did not work at all, as it generated a mere two responses to 500 emails.

New Business

10:05: Newcomer's ("Welcome to the NVBA") Booklet: Ron had earlier informed us by email that we had 76 old, outdated copies containing some misinformation, and that we needed 100 new copies of the revised version, which he had refurbished with the help of AI to check for errors and also of Lucy's suggestions and careful reading. It is on our website (https://www.nvba.org/documents/2026_Welcome_to_NVBA_web.pdf), which he has also reconfigured. In the light of the advantageσ of hard copy, we authorized Ron to have 100 of the revised Booklet printed.

10:24: Adding Bridge Books to Our Website as recommended consulting and reading? Such an unsolicited outside request led to a lively discussion wherein the overall sentiment was that what we have on the website is sufficient.

10:27: Clarification of how Issues of Inappropriate Behavior are Handled: Such matters whereby Zero Tolerance comes into play are the game directors' responsibility in accord with ACBL regulations.

Concluding Procedures

10:34: Review of Action Items:

` Jay et al.: Fix any loose ends in the Job Description update.

Terry: Distribute the Newcomer Welcoming Letter.

Everybody: Promote SRVP Bridge for sign-ups.

Jason: Whatever becomes needed for Return to the Fold

Everybody: Help Dan recruit mentors.

Ron: Order the printing of the Welcome Booklet with the Unit Game prices adjusted to be in line with current policy.

10:37: The next Board Meeting was set for November 1, 9:30am (10:30 if you're still on EDT!).

10:40: Georgette adjourned the meeting**.**