

**Forty-third Annual Meeting of the Northern Virginia Bridge Association
(draft minutes)**

May 12, 2005

President Leo Cardillo welcomed everyone to the 43rd annual meeting of the Northern Virginia Bridge Association and the eighth Annual Pat Eyman Memorial Strawberry Pairs, and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President's Comments:

1. Good evening and welcome to the 43rd Annual Meeting and elections of the NVBA. In addition, tonight we will celebrate the eighth annual "Pat Eyman Strawberry Pairs", in memory of Pat , a multi-term member, VP and President of the NVBA. The meeting is called to order.
2. The first order of business is to ask for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the annual meeting of 2004. Carolyn Gibson so moved. Stan Schenker seconded. The motion carried.
3. The NVBA Policies and Procedures require an annual financial statement be presented to the members at the annual meeting. NVBA Treasurer Diane Alexander will now present that statement.

Diane reported that the Unit put some money this past year into building attendance and publishing a new Directory, so the year-end amount of cash on hand was slightly less than in 2003. Overall, she said the Unit is in good financial condition and copies of the annual financial statement are available for anyone interested in reading it.

President's comments continue:

4. As my second year as President comes to a close, I am pleased to note that the NVBA is in good shape. The goals that I proposed after my election are still in effect:
 1. Increase the quality and quantity of bridge for our NVBA members
 2. Balance the Unit Budget
 3. Cooperate closely with the WBL
 4. Support the District, MABC and the ACBL.
 - * Progress has been realized on each of these goals, but there is more work to be done.
 - * Attendance at the Unit game has been maintained, and, at the same time, a Novice or 199er game has been firmly established. The Novice game has been averaging ten tables during recent weeks, and that is excellent! Ron Kral, John Mason, Gene Schuyler, and other members of the "Novice Mafia" deserve special recognition for their efforts in establishing the Novice game.
 - * NVBA Membership has remained relatively constant at 1,500 members, but with the help of David Banh, the Youth Advisor to the Board, about 15 new ACBL members have been recruited from the students of TJHSST, and that is an important step that is vital to the future of the Unit

and the game of bridge. In that vein, I have completed my fourth academic year at TJHSST as the Bridge Advisor to the Bridge Club (BC). Attendance at the BC averages in excess of ten tables every Friday, and that number of young players also bodes well for the future of the game. Even so, average age in the Unit is 61.85 years, and that is the lowest in the entire District!

* An online Directory has been developed with the help of Scott Merritt, Lucy McCoy, Doug Grove, Ron Kral and others. The online Directory will allow our members to have up-to-date information on all the NVBA members.

* Stan Schenker has done a terrific job in providing caddies through-out the year and established an email system that seems to meet all contingencies.

* The hands that we will play tonight were pre-duped by use of the WBL system. Don't ask the Board about my position on pre-dupes!

* Cooperation with the WBL and the District, MABC and ACBL occurs as a regular part of NVBA business. Looking ahead,

* Diane has mentioned the deficit for this year and that area requires further attention. Over the past seven years, the NVBA has operated at a slight profit (about \$200 per year on average), but I want to continue efforts to stabilize the Unit finances and realize a small, but steady profit each year.

* The LM/NLM game is 19 May - Ron Kral made an announcement asking players to sign up.

* The Bridge Information Line (BIL) is under construction and Sam and Dell Coleman will maintain this capability.

* And now I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the other hard working members of the NVBA Board. When they are all standing, let's give them a well-deserved round of applause!

- VP and TC Co-Chair, Margot Hennings
- Treasurer, Diane Alexander
- Secretary and Newsletter Liaison, Lucy McCoy
- Director and Web Liaison, Paul Krueger
- TC Co-Chair, Kathryn Kiley
- Publicity Chair and I/N Sponsor, Ron Kral
- Director and Co-PC Chair, Peter Hughes
- Education Chair and Audit Chair, Ed Heberg
- Unit Game Manager, Barry Sparks
- Online Directory Guru, Scott Merritt
- Youth Advisor, David Banh

Please join me in giving them all a well-deserved round of applause!

In addition to the Board, there are many other volunteers and workers who contribute their time, effort and expertise to making the NVBA succeed. I'd like to name as many as I can and have them stand for a round of applause.

- Unit Game Director, Marshall Kuschner.
- Cheer & Sympathy Chair, June Hoye
- Recorder, Bette Dudka
- Caddy Chair, Stan Schenker
- Seeding Chair, Jeff Roman

- Ethics & Conduct Chair, Mel Welles
- Membership Secretary, Norma & Matt Pierzchala
- Newsletter Editor, David Milton
- WebMaster , Sumner Steinfeldt
- Prize Chair, Mary Mudd
- Holiday Party co-chairs: Virginia Fletcher and Marge Gazzola
- Tournament Directors: Candy Kuschner, Doug Grove, Millard Nachtwey, and David Gottfried.

Let's have a big round of applause for these folks and all the other volunteers that contribute to the NVBA program and are vital to its success!

5. And now it's time to present the annual awards and I ask Mary Mudd and Margot Hennings to assist me in that effort.

A. Mini-McKenney - this award is given to the player in each category who has won the most Masterpoints in the last calendar year as recorded by the ACBL.

Rookie - Bala Chandran
 Junior Master - Carolyn Becraft
 Club Master - John Mason
 Sectional Master - Paul Stygar
 Regional Master - Prah Rajkumar
 NABC Master - Herb Fallin, Jr.
 Life Master - Martha (Chippy) Lackey
 Bronze LM - Marge Gazzola
 Silver LM - Carole Grob
 Gold LM - Ken Davis
 Diamond LM - Zeke Letellier
 Grand LM - Ron Sukoneck

B. Ace of Clubs - this award is given to the player in each category who has won the most Masterpoints in the previous year at all ACBL sanctioned clubs.

Rookie - Willis Paley Hume
 Junior Master - John Miles
 Club Master - Marcia Boynton
 Sectional Master - Helene Cooper
 Regional Master - Ernest Klimonda
 NABC Master - Richard Hesse
 Life Master - Salam Saidi
 Bronze LM - Marge Gazzola
 Silver LM - Peter Hughes
 Gold LM - Don Geerhart
 Diamond LM - Zeke Leteller

C. New Life Master - a measure of any Unit's vitality is the number of new life Masters that are awarded each year. The following folks have done just that and their names are embossed on the cakes at the back of the room -- and they should have played 'free' tonight, as well!

- Bob Armstrong
- Paul Black
- Sam Bowlin
- James Conrad
- Barbara DiCicco
- Mary Ann Dinger
- Herb Fallin, Jr.
- Elizabeth Fath
- Juanita Fernandez
- Thomas Gallagher
- Richard Hesse
- Elliot Itkin
- Christon Johnson
- Jerry Krim
- Julia Nasr
- Al O'Malley
- William Prosser
- Steven Reed
- Jean Schoepe
- David Schultz
- Susan Strauss
- Alice Swalm
- Loredana Williams
- Mel Yudkin

6. Last year the Unit established a very special award, the "Dave Murray Favorite Partner Award," in memory of a very fine bridge player who also was 'everybody's favorite partner'. Personally, I hold this award and its recipients in the highest regard, because the winners are very fine bridge players who also demonstrate and promote the best possible behavior at the table. Margot will make this year's presentation.

-Winner: Janet Gookin

7. Each year the NVBA recognizes the top players (won the most MP's) in four categories. This year's winners are:

- Rookie of the Year (less than 20 MP at the start) - Maribel Nexby
- The Rush Buckley Award (NLM with 20+ MP) - David Chechelashvili
- The Woman of the Year - Janet Gookin
- The Man of the Year - Ken Davis

8. The election results have been counted and the winners are:

- President: Leo Cardillo
- Secretary: Marge Gazzola
- Director: Ron Kral
- Director: Paul Krueger
- Director: John Mason

I want to welcome our new Board members and remind all of the Board members that there will be a very short meeting at the end of play tonight.

9. Last, but far from least, I would like to honor our departing Board members. These folks have worked long and hard to support the needs of the NVBA, and they have had to endure my leadership, to boot! I ask Lucy McCoy, Barry Sparks, Pete Hughes and Ed Heberg to come forward and receive a token of or appreciation. Please join me in a round of applause to acknowledge their efforts over the years! President Cardillo presented the departing Board members with a framed Certificate of Appreciation and a memento or flowers for their service.

10. At 7:35 the business of the Annual Meeting concluded. Lucy McCoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Scott Merritt seconded it and the motion carried unanimously.