

Board of Director Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2015

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President  
Leo Cardillo, Vice-President  
Alan Dockterman, Secretary  
Joe Hertz, Board Member  
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member  
Ken Davis, Board Member  
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member  
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Editor

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the March meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 11:25 a.m. on March 8, 2015 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA.

**Secretary's Report**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January Board of Directors' meeting which, with minor edits, were approved unanimously by the Board.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Board had received the financial statements for December and January from Ann which detailed profit and loss since the beginning of the calendar year, set forth budget to actual expenditures, and compared the balance sheet for assets and liabilities with that of the prior year. Due to the absence of the treasurer, the Board deferred voting on the report until the next meeting.

**Other Items of Business**

1. The Board discussed whether players should be allowed to use free plays issued by the Unit for its games for sectional games as well. Leo agreed to discuss the matter with the Sectional tournament chair.
2. The Board discussed the difficulties in determining who should be the rookie of the year for the Unit where the candidate with the most masterpoints is not listed as a 199er at the beginning of the year but joins the list during the year.
3. Leo requested that the Board change the award procedure so that all are given at the Annual Meeting in May. The board unanimously agreed to initiate the change.

4. The Board discussed whether the Unit members should be included in the membership directory proposed jointly by MBL and WBL. Lucy said that she expected to receive the final expense figures the following week. Therefore, no action was taken, pending the additional information. The sense of the Board was that the Unit's share of the total cost would not substantially exceed the yearly budget of \$500 and that the benefit of the information to the members would justify the additional expenditure.

5. The Board extensively discussed the differences between the ACBL and the NVBA websites with regard to when and what information was included in the posting for the Thursday night games. Members had reported confusion about retrieving information from the game results. Joe will continue to attempt to reconcile the two sites.

6. Margot Hennings told Ron that she noticed two provisions that merited change in the NVBA Policy and Procedures Manual. The first concerned pay for caddies at Sectional tournaments. Section 3.4 states \$25 per session while Section 3.6 stipulates \$30 per session. The Board unanimously passed a motion to set the amount at \$30 a session and provided that Section 3.4 should be modified accordingly. The second pertained to the Table of Free Plays set forth in the Manual which stated that the WBL and the NVBA sectional tournament chairs shall receive nine free plays per chair per tournament. The Board unanimously passed a motion to reduce the number to seven and to modify the Table accordingly. The rationale for the decision was that the original intention was seven and that the club games, which participate in the Sectional, should not be considered for purposes of the calculation of number of free plays.

7. Kevin inquired whether information regarding the particulars of the weekly lectures for 199ers could be posted on the NVBA website. Joe referred him to the "GIT" program and said he would help set it up.

8. The Board discussed whether the unit game hand records could be modified to add a section advertising sectional games but expressed concern that the process would prove too cumbersome. Kevin agreed to look into whether modification could be accomplished easily.

9. Leo agreed to head up a Nomination Committee to identify Board candidates for the May election. Alan and Francesca agreed to serve on the committee.

10. The Board once again discussed problems with the Bridgemate program where the NVBA rents bridgemates to individual clubs. The rental fees improperly vary and there continues to be problems in their return in a timely manner to the Unit. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

11. The Board members were asked to find candidates for Caddy Chair.

12. The Board continued its discussion of either renting or buying property as a venue for club games, Unit games, and sectionals. It was recognized that the Unit would need to survey club directors to determine their willingness to participate. Lucy agreed to look

into a location in Fair Oaks Mall which appeared to be vacant. Leo stated he planned to talk to the commercial real estate agent who had previously advised the Unit.

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:**

The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on April 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA. NVBA members are invited to attend. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary

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