

[Final as Approved]
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2018

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
John Wertman, Secretary
Ron Kral, Past President
David Lindley, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
George Parkins, Board Member
Howard Stevens, Board Member
Katy Culp, Bridge Heroes, ACBL Longest Day
Jim Gerding, Unit Game Chief Director
Joe Hertz, Website Liaison
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Liaison

Unable to attend: Georgette Weiss, Vice President
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the April 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 29, 2018 at the Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge in Fairfax, VA.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with no changes.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and the NVBA tax return were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Action Items/New Business

Marty led a discussion of action items and new business:

- David has begun work on a draft of a welcome to the NVBA booklet. He and the Board will refine the document and it will eventually be distributed over email and via the web.
- We have an NVBA policy of waiving the Unit Game security fee at Beth El whenever the collected total reaches an ample amount for us to do so. George urged that if we collect enough during the course of the year, we should focus on waiving the fee at the following events: 8 is Enough; LM/NLM; Annual Meeting; Holiday Party; Club Appreciation.
- Recognition of NVBA players at NABCs: We will begin to recognize NVBA players who scratch at NABC events in the Newsletter, the weekly email, online, and in other formats.

- Planning for the Longest Day is in full force: raffle ticket sales have started; silent auction items are being offered featuring top local bridge players and area businesses. Many area club directors have stepped up and are helping through their games. The bridge heroes website is a resource for those interested in getting involved or learning more.
- Our Annual Meeting preparations are in full swing: the medals have been ordered and the certificates were received. The Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners have been invited. Lucy will order the cakes and Marty is handling the strawberries. Jewelry and soaps will be sold again this year. David Loken is handling the food.
- There are already 67 people signed up for the LM/NLM game and we're expecting ~200 total. The sign-up form will go live online soon.
- There have been changes to the ACBL Privacy Policy that have prevented us from accessing player information for various marketing purposes. We may still be able to get this information through one of our club directors. Another problem is that more players have been opting out of national ACBL emails which can make it difficult for us to communicate with them on the local level.
- The NVBA phone number isn't getting much use. It ports over to Google voice and can go to Eric Poskanzer, Alan Dockterman, and Jay Simon. Kevin will be added to the line as well.
- Joe suggested we adopt a uniform NVBA Communications policy. This will be discussed at future meetings.
- Per Jim, we are allowing the multi chart for players in the A/X section in the Unit Game. It's not allowed in STACs and on Sectional Thursday nights.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meeting will be held at 10:45 am on June 10, 2018 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Wertman, Secretary