

## NVBA Board Meeting Sept 7 2025 (Draft)

Attendees as Board Members:

President: Georgette Weiss; Vice-President: Jay Simon; Treasurer: Ann Atcheson; Secretary: David Goldfrank; Board Members: Jason Carter, Joe Hertz, Hal Hindman, Hal Jones, Terry Jones.

Attendee as Non-Voting: Lucy McCoy.

9:31 Georgette called the meeting to order.

9:32: Approval of August 10 Minutes.

9:32: Approval of Treasurer's Report (with August 2025 added).

9:33: Review of Action Items. The major issue discussed was how to incorporate into our Constitution & By-Laws Terry Jones's suggested wording concerning the examination of our finances, which Harry Potter has offered to do, and Jay and Joe said that they would do this. Ann noted that an amendment from 2017, the last so made and maybe the only one since the 2005 revision or version of the Constitution & By-Laws, had yet formally to be entered. Jay and Joe offered to make that change as well. We then agreed that as a board we shall recommend these changes in time for electronic distribution to our membership for approval at the Christmas Party Unit Game this December.

9:52: Joe reported that on September 3 Ron Kral was able to order 250 copies of our Newcomer Book.

9:54: Regarding players who have been suspended by ACBL for cheating, we declined to allow such offenders to play in the Unit Games, the one such game over which we as a Board have jurisdiction—actually only for those non NAP, non-GNT, non-Club Championship games, where they might be allowed by ACBL rules to play with a partner other than their co-offender and without obtaining master points, all if the club were so willing.

10:10: Ann reminded us that the big games that offer red points do very well for us financially, and we agreed to raise the Director's compensation for these games from \$25 to \$40.

10:14: We unanimously approved Jay's Policy and Procedure Document revisions: **Q: where will these be posted? Maybe this can be added to the minutes we shall approve on Nov 2?**

10:15: Jay related that the lapsed membership list continues to diminish as Jason et al. continue their Return to the Fold efforts.

10:16: Georgette reported that while most of the formal joint WBL-NVBA meeting at her house on August 10 was taken up by Margot's reporting on the ACBL changing policies regarding players suspended for cheating, we did concur on holding a joint celebration of the centennial of Contract Bridge at Mark Levine's November 1 game in Rockville. Mark subsequently agreed to

this with the proviso that NVBA supply more snacks for what would be a larger than usual number of players. In the lively discussion which followed, we agreed that November 15 would be a better Saturday date, since November 1 is the last day of the Lancaster Regional, and also on November 8 will take place the finals of this year's local North American Pairs competition. We rejected the notion of commencing with a luncheon but approved the offer to bring a cake costing ca. \$40. We also discussed sans any resolution the possibility of having our own supplementary celebration, maybe in early December, with an informal quasi-Life Masters/Non-Life Masters game whereby individual advanced player would volunteer to partner with less experienced players.

10:38: Jay noted that our Good Will list is outdated with deceased people still on it as if alive, and he will research this matter further. Georgette added that within District 6 only one of the seven or eight units have done what they should for Good Will correctly, and that the District 6 Good Will Committee is essentially non-functional, even though Joe has been nominated to be on that committee. In this conversation we also learned that Ann and Georgette (as Secretary) are on the District 6 Board. **[correct word here?]**

10:48: Reviewing current and new action items, Georgette noted that she will be in contact a) with WBL and Mark Levine over our desire to have the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in November 15, not November 1; b) with Sulaiman Ghaussy over checking with the Vienna Community Center regarding the October 2 Unit Game, for he had made this suggestion; and c) with Scott Tumperi, District 6 VP, over district issues. Jay will start to research ten years of Board minutes to ascertain our nominees and correct our Good Will list. And he and Joe will work on updating our By-Laws concerning the 2017 amendment that was never entered, and our Policies and Procedures documents concerning our new free play policy. We also shall continue with our Return to the Fold efforts. Additionally, in the course of this conversation, we clarified that we are committed to Elks for the 2026 Sectionals.

10:54: We set our next meeting date for November 2.

10:56: We adjourned.

As we adjourned: In response to a query from Jay, Jason, who participated as he was fishing in the rain on the Delaware coast, let us know that he caught an Oyster Cracker (which has several other names, such as Oyster Toadfish) during the meeting and returned it to the ocean.

