

Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
June 12, 2006

The meeting was held at Pistone's Restaurant. Officers and directors attending were: Leo Cardillo, Margot Hennings, Marjorie Gazzola, Kathryn Kiley, John Mason, Paul Krueger, Unit Game Director Marshall Kuschner and Youth Advisor Jennifer Lin. Lucy McCoy, NVBA Newsletter Liaison, also attended. Dale Dallaire, Ron Kral, and Carole Grob were absent. President Cardillo called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Minutes Paul made a motion to accept the minutes for April 2006, Margot seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

In-and-Out Report Kathryn made a motion to accept the In-and-Out Report for June 2006, Margot seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Reports: Treasurer Dale Dallaire, who could not attend tonight's meeting, had emailed the following reports to Board members for review:

NVBA April 2006 Sectional
NVBA Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2006
NVBA Profit & Loss May 2006
NVBA Reconciliation Summary, Wachovia checking, period ending 05/31/2006

The Board discussed whether we have been holding our net worth over the past 5-10 years. It's been difficult to determine with any degree of accuracy since we have used different accounting systems and different fiscal year ending dates. Also discussed was the issue of how much we need to hold in reserve. An audit should be started soon, then a budget. Leo asked Board members to provide Dale with estimates of their expenses for budgeting purposes over the next fiscal year(May 2006-April 2007).

President's Report

BridgeAtSchools: President Leo Cardillo reported that 16 tables participated in the National Matchpoint game at TJ on April 21. The TJ bridge sponsor, Jay Lamb, may retire this year, so a new school sponsor will be needed. Suzanne Abrams, who conducts a bridge instruction program at Garfield Elementary, may take over at TJ, and Steve Rothman and Bill Smith might provide some help. Leo will meet with NVBA Education Chair Joanne Pretti, Suzanne and Paul to discuss starting programs at other schools. It would also be a good idea to publish an article about our programs in the NVBA Newsletter. George Lewis from the Richmond unit has asked us to give him information about our school bridge programs.

New Directors: Steve Rothman plans to take the tests to become an ACBL Director and bridge teacher. Terry Jones, who is initiating a seniors bridge effort, may be able to get some advertising help from District 6.

Conduct and Ethics(C&E): There are currently no pending C&E hearings. Recorder Jeff Roman has said that he does not need an assistant recorder, but the Board supports this position. John proposed a motion that the position be established, Margot seconded the motion, and it carried. Leo will ask Jeff to suggest individuals for the new position of Assistant Recorder.

Partnership Chair: Leo is still looking for a volunteer for this position. Carolyn Gibson will help, but cannot take over the job. Lucy McCoy will cover Regional partnership email and phone requests for the upcoming two weeks while Leo is out of town. Full partnership desk coverage at the Regional has been scheduled. Kris Miller has offered some partnership help also.

Coupon Books: Ron Kral has an ongoing effort with the ACBL to receive reimbursement for \$780 of the cost of the I/N coupon books he produced and distributed to I/N players. The non-reimbursed costs for the coupon books will then be split equally with WBL.

Alternate Unit Game Venue: Paul, John and Dale have visited St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Falls Church and found it to be an excellent physical facility. John will visit St Katherine in the next two weeks to get numbers and availability.

Statistical Data: Paul will become the NVBA "Statistician", analyzing some long-term statistical data such as table counts, costs, etc. He will report his results monthly to the Board.

Mid-Chart Conventions: The Board discussed the use of mid-chart conventions such as Multi Two Diamonds in our games, and whether the conventions should be permitted in our open games. The NVBA Policy(21.4, page 31), states that "Mid-Chart conventions will be permitted in all NVBA-sponsored Flight A, Flight A/X, Open and Open Stratified events". The Board agreed to leave this policy in place. We will ask Bob Gookin to write an article for the Newsletter about mid-chart conventions, which are not well understood by all players.

Vice-President's Report:

Alexandria Regional Tournament June 28-July 4: Vice President Margot Hennings reported that there are logistical concerns about the scheduled AARP game on Saturday, July 1, also that Ron Kral and Steve Forsythe will be presenting the Instant Bridge program twice, on Wednesday and again on Saturday. John Mason will assist. Ron and Mary Ann Kral need Saturday a. m. volunteers. One hundred and seventy packages advertising the AARP game have been sent to senior centers, retirement communities and

clubs. Linda Granell, Director of Marketing for the ACBL, will be coming Wednesday, and Marty Davis will be here Saturday. ACBL will pay for pre-dealt boards at the AARP game.

Other Chair Reports

Youth Advisor: NVBA Youth Advisor Jennifer Lin reported that she had received funds to cover half of the \$750(each) flight costs for the trip to Slovakia for World Junior Bridge Camp July 3-10. Jennifer, David Banh and Robert Brady will attend.

Club Liaison Website Liaison GNT/NAP Coordinator: John Mason distributed two documents to the Board. The first was a record of the April 30th meeting of the NVBA website design committee which described what they have done so far, and the second document was an “NVBA Website Design Criteria & Maintenance Plan”. This included a procedure for handling all types of requests for changes to website content, as well as defining the website’s mission and main functions. The Board discussed “ownership” of website pages, and the proposition that the Webmaster, who should not be responsible for the content of any page, should instead rely on other people designated as the “owners” responsible for furnishing updated content. The Board is comfortable with this concept. There have been suggestions to add an “In Memoriam” page to the website, also an Intermediate/Novice, or NLM page. John will look for a volunteer to work with the NLM page. The Board then discussed the issue of Board members’ email addresses appearing on the website. It was agreed that Board members would use NVBA.ORG email addresses, which can be set up on the server for each member. Club managers and directors will continue to use their own email addresses on the website. Ron Kral has suggested that a different website server would be less expensive, and he will be asked to follow up and get information.

NVBA Unit Game Director: Marshall Kuschner reported that the remote to control the clock has stopped functioning and a new one will be needed at a cost of \$30. He also raised some caddy issues which the board discussed. Marshall and the Board then talked about the 0-5 MP game at the Unit Game, whether it has outlived its usefulness, if it will survive and the fact that it is extra work for the 199er director. The Board decided to hold off on a decision to continue or discontinue the 0-5 game until after the July 4 Regional.

New Business

Margot told Board members that longtime NVBA member and District 6 Secretary Bette Dudka is gravely ill. Bette is at the home of her daughter, and Margot provided her address.

The next NVBA Board meeting will be a combined July-August meeting on Tuesday July 25, at Pistone’s Restaurant. In September Board meetings will resume on the second Monday of the month. President Cardillo adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Gazzola, Secretary