

Northern Virginia Bridge Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
August 27, 2007

The August 2007 NVBA Board meeting was held on Monday, August 27, in the side dining room at the Springfield Golf and Country Club. Those attending were: Leo Cardillo, Margot Hennings, Dale Dallaire, Marge Gazzola, Herb Fallin, Ron Kral, Ed Brawn, Carole Grob, Unit Game Chief Director Marshall Kushner, Newsletter Liaison Lucy McCoy, and Education Chair Joanne Pretti. Bruce Houston was absent. President Cardillo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Leo introduced our guests, Nadine Wood and Mike Cappelletti, Sr., who are candidates for the District 6 representative on the ACBL National Board of Directors. Nadine and Mike presented their platforms to the Board, asked for our support and answered questions from Board members.

### **Old Business**

*Minutes:* Dale made a motion that we accept the July 2007 minutes as amended to show that the NVBA-WBL scheduling meeting was held on August 26, not August 25, Carole seconded and the motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Dale Dallaire distributed the following NVBA financial reports:

- Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison as of July 31, 2007
- Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2007
- Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison
- Profit and Loss May through July 2007
- Profit and Loss July 2007
- Unit Game Profit & Loss July 2007

Dale reported that she would usually present a budget in August, but this year she wants to wait until after the September Sectional to see how it affects our revenue. Dale will close the \$1,000 high-interest money market account at Wachovia. The NVBA tax returns have been filed and Dale will send Marge a copy for the files. The NVBA balance sheets show \$69,169 in total liabilities and equity. P&L for July shows a \$1,753 loss and P&L for the previous year shows a \$5,147 loss. Dale reported that the NVBA gross income for the past year was \$91,000 less free plays.

## **President's Report**

*District 6 Meeting:* President Leo Cardillo reported that he attended the meeting at Hunt Valley and that Dale Dallaire and Carole Grob were announced as co-chairs for the July 2008 Regional at Reston.

*Duplicating Machine:* Carole has ordered a duplicating machine and is awaiting its arrival. The rep, Terry Collier, is in the UK and has worldwide rights to the machine except for Australia. The machine takes about 6 seconds to deal a hand and uses regular cards. Ron may become the US rep to repair machines. Dale made a motion that the Unit buy a dealing machine, at a cost not to exceed \$5500 including the machine, four sets of boards, cases, and cards plus shipping, and split the \$400 discount with Carole. Ed seconded the motion and the motion carried with one Board member abstaining due to funding concerns.

*Computer and Printer:* The Board needs a technical person to oversee the purchase of a new Unit computer and printer. Ron offered to do this. It was suggested that the printer should handle continuous-form paper, and that \$1,000 should be more than enough to cover costs.

*Committee Oversight by Board Members:* The Board discussed Herb's idea to assign committees to Board members for oversight. It was agreed that this would give committees more visibility to the Board, but that there was no great need to implement this currently.

*Next Board Meeting:* The Board set the next meeting date for Tuesday, October 9. Ron will see if the International Country Club is available.

## **Vice President's Report**

*Sectional Tables:* Vice President Margot Hennings reported that she and Lowell Sawyer moved 47 tables from KOCH to Elks on August 17. Bernie and Candy bought 13 of our most-used KOCH tables at \$5 each. Carole has 12 NVBA tables she bought previously that we will use at the Elks, there are 10 new tables stored at Beth El, but we'll still need 5-10 more, for about 80 total. We need 45 for the unit game, but there may be more there in addition to the 10 new ones. We should furnish a table cart for the Elks also.

*Sectional Food:* Margot reported that players will be able to buy box lunches on Sunday at Elks for \$5.95. We are purchasing some other food from the Elks including pies and cakes to serve at the games. We will also serve cookies Friday afternoon, veggies Friday night and dessert Saturday night. There will be signs and balloons on Route 50 to highlight the Elks site. Doug Grove has arranged for Alan Crank to dupe all the boards for the Sectional at \$12 a set. Leo will pick up the Thursday boards and Doug will pick up the rest.

*Scheduling Meeting:* The WBL-NVBA annual scheduling meeting was held yesterday, August 26, at Margot's home to set up the 2008 schedule for both Units. The focus of our NVBA October meeting should be to review the Unit Game schedule, Sectional profit or loss, and the stratified-strataflighted issue. There is an upcoming STAC for clubs in October, but it is not mandatory.

### **Newsletter Liaison's Report**

NVBA Newsletter Liaison Lucy McCoy reported that she needs the information about the NVBA holiday party for the upcoming October-December newsletter issue. The Board discussed holiday party issues including the start time and who would be in charge of the party this year.

### **New Business**

President Cardillo adjourned the regular meeting at 9:15 p. m. It was followed by an executive session during which Board members cast their individual votes for the District 6 Director. Marge collected the votes and will mail them to the ACBL Director of Elections. The executive session ended at 10 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gazzola, Secretary