

Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
September, 2008

The September 2008 NVBA Board meeting was held on Tuesday, September 23, at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna. Those attending were: President Leo Cardillo, Vice President Alan Breed, Treasurer Livingston Johnson, Secretary Marge Gazzola, Board members Ron Kral, Jennifer Nisenoff, Jim Dick, Bruce Houston, Herb Fallin, and Newsletter Liaison Lucy McCoy. President Cardillo called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Old Business

Minutes: Herb made a motion to accept the August 2008 minutes as amended to show that \$2000 of expenses for the 2009 NABC will show in next year's budget, not this year's. Alan seconded and the motion carried.

Financial

NVBA Treasurer Dale Dallaire resigned since the last Board meeting and Leo introduced our new NVBA Treasurer, Livingston Johnson.

Alan presented the report of the budget committee. Among their recommendations are:

- Reduce income projected on the budget by \$3,000
- Reduce projected Unit Game table count to 20 and 10
- Increase budgeted amount for miscellaneous and unforeseen expenses
- Budget for 2 GPs per unit game instead of 4

The Board discussed several budget committee recommendations to reduce the number of free plays given to some volunteers and to award winners. Free plays are intended to be a token of our appreciation, not compensation for work done. The following were discussed, generally agreed upon but not voted upon:

- Youth Advisor from 8 to 4
- Webmaster from 20 to 8
- The four annual awards – from 8 to 2
- Diamond, Emerald and Platinum LMs – from 8 to 2
- Prize Chair – from 3 per tournament to 3 per year
- Caddy Chair – from 3 to 2 per Sectional

Seeding Chair – from 2 to 1 per Sectional

The Board also discussed compensation for the membership secretary, how free plays are distributed, food charges at Sectionals and Sectional profits, which are difficult to determine accurately due to the time lag in 60/40 distribution and incorrect designation of Thursday night Sectional rents. Sectional rents are now \$3,680 to Elks and \$290 to Beth El for each Sectional.

President's Report

Club Liaison: Jim will be the new NVBA Club Liaison.

Partnership Website: The NVBA has been paying the full \$200 cost of the Online Partnership Website for several years while sharing with WBL. Fred King and Don Berman have agreed to pay back bills and we will split the cost in the future.

Insurance: Leo recommended that we continue to purchase the \$500 Board member liability insurance from Lipscomb & Pitts. Question arose about exactly what the insurance covers and if they will pay. Bruce volunteered to look into this and advise the Board.

“Enjoy Playing Bridge” Flyer and Telephone Directory: WBL is planning to update and distribute both these publications and we will share the cost.

Round Robin: There has been no action on establishing the Round Robin.

Scheduling Meeting: The joint annual WBL/NVBA Unit Game/Sectional scheduling meeting for 2009 events, which is usually done in August, is behind schedule this year, and will probably be held at the end of September or in early October.

October 9 Unit Game: Because Beth El is unavailable on October 9, the Unit Game will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Ballston.

199er Player Request: Leo received an email from a 199er Unit Game player who asked that we increase the upper limit on our 199er game to 299 because he and his partner do not want to play in the open game. The Board discussed this request and agreed that the 199er game should remain as is. We will try to schedule more B/C/D games at the Unit Game.

October Meeting: Board members set Tuesday, October 21 as the next meeting date. Alan said that he may be able to arrange for the use of Westwood Country Club again.

Newsletter Liaison's Report

Lucy reminded the Board that Newsletter input for the October-December issue is due soon.

Education Chair's Report

Via email, Joanne had asked for volunteers to teach bridge in schools.

Leo adjourned the regular meeting at 9:30 There was no executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Gazzola, Secretary