

Northern Virginia Bridge Association  
Minutes – Board Meeting  
July 13, 2010

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The July 2010 NVBA Board Meeting was held on Tuesday July 13, 2010 at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna.

Those attending were:

Bob Boyd, President  
Alan Breed, Vice President  
Lynda Flanger, Treasurer  
Jennifer Nisenoff, Secretary  
Jim Dick, Board Member  
Bruce Houston, Board Member  
Paul Black, Board Member  
Amanda Carter, Board Member  
Mike Cappelletti  
Alan Dockterman

**District 6 Director**

Mike Cappelletti joined the Board meeting to discuss his candidacy for the position of District 6 Director. Mike provided the Board with a summary of his past contributions to the bridge community in terms of positions he has held and organizations he has supported. He shared that his main focus would be to promote bridge at all levels of play. Areas of interest include:

1. Partnering with the Chess World Federation to have Bridge and Chess deemed an Olympic “Intellectual” Sport.
2. Working to get grass roots support to stimulate incoming novices. He has a number of ideas on how to get more people playing bridge in our clubs and tournaments.
3. Garnering support to bring bridge back to TV. He made comparisons between bridge and poker and discussed why bridge should be more interesting to viewers.

**Minutes from June Meeting**

Jennifer distributed copies minutes from the meeting held on June 8. Alan made a motion to approve, Jim seconded, all approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The official Treasurer's report is being delayed while Lynda completes the restore of her PC after a virus infection. She provided the Board with some data about upcoming expenses and the fact that she believes we are in still in the black.

## **Old Business**

1. Wounded Warrior Bridge Project.
  - a. Bob Boyd, Don and Rose Berman and Amanda Carter met during the Bethesda Regional to discuss this project. They wanted to be able to list out the items they would require in order to develop a solid proposal to take to Walter Reed.
  - b. They discussed some of the necessary logistics, the fact that we needed to make firm commitments, and that this program would take a good number of volunteers.
  - c. Rose has agreed to teach using an Easy Bridge approach.
  - d. The Board discussed the possibility of approaching the ACBL to obtain a discounted membership rate for the participants. The Board also proposed an "Adopt a Soldier" idea where WBL or NVBA members could "adopt" a new player and pay a part of their membership.
  - e. We will ask Mike Cappelletti to approach Fred Gitelman about memberships for BBO where the Warriors could play online (most of the patients have their own PCs).
  - f. This program will remain as a standing agenda item for the Board.
2. Parking at Beth El:
  - a. As discussed last month, during the successful LM/NLM game Beth El's parking proved to be a challenge and there were problems with having the proper emergency access.
  - b. There are 120 official spots but 25 – 30 of them are usually taken by participants of other programs on Thursday evenings at the Temple.
  - c. There are about 50 "unofficial" spots where we can park without impeding emergency access.
  - d. There is also parking available on Ft. Williams and at the post office and Seminary. We will recommend that people who can walk from Ft. Williams park there during our more attended events but will discourage parking at the latter two areas since walkers would have to cross the busy street. Carpooling will also be encouraged.
  - e. Paul agreed to be the "parking chair" to help direct people to appropriate parking areas during our larger events.
3. First Presbyterian Church:
  - a. There are parking issues at this venue as well. Since there was extensive damage to the grassy areas in this past winter's blizzards, we can not park there.
  - b. The Church has limited parking and attendees of the games must park in official spaces. Neighborhood parking is not an option because permits are required so the only real alternative is to park at Ballston.
  - c. As a result, Gene is leaving this site and Norma is considering it.

- d. The concern for the Unit is that we often use this locale for the Unit Games when Beth El is not available.
- e. We do have this issue for September 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are investigating the potential of using KOCH.

### **New Business**

1. Business Manager for the Unit Games – This person will coordinate the sodas and other supplies for the Unit Games. We will need to find a new Business Manager by the end of the summer
2. Partnership Chair – Leo will be in Maine until October and needs someone to help with doing the actual partnerships at the Unit Games. He can still send out the emails and coordinate what he can from Maine. Several people said they would help out on Thursdays, as required.
3. Can the NVBA obtain space in a commercial building for our sectionals, unit games and allow our clubs to use the venue as well? Landmark has some openings but we want to see what this might cause. Amanda will see what is listed – she doesn't have a commercial license; however, she can pull data for us to analyze.
4. Policy and Procedures Manual. This is out-of date and we need to review the entire document and make appropriate changes. At the very minimum we must update the Free Play Policy, add the Unit Game Coordinator, and Awards' sections. Paul volunteered to chair a small sub-committee to do this and Jennifer and Bruce agreed to assist.
5. NAP and GNT qualifiers. Jim informed the Board that the WBL is posting when their clubs have NAP (and GNT) qualifier sessions in their clubs. Jim agreed to coordinate with our club managers to determine when their qualifying games will be held and have them posted on the NVBA website.
6. Partnerships at the Unit Games. Leo will still be able to send out emails, etc. but we need someone on site. Alan Dockterman said he could help as did Jim Dick and Paul Black. Alan and Paul will cover the next session.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Paul seconded, all approved.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next Board meeting will be held on September 14, 2010 at 7:00 at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna. All NVBA members are welcomed to attend. If you wish to attend, please alert Alan Breed in advance so he can ensure we have enough space in the meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nisenoff, Secretary