

Forty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Northern Virginia Bridge Association

May 12, 2011

The Forty-ninth annual meeting of the NVBA was held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA on May 12, 2011. President Bob Boyd called the meeting to order at 5:55 P.M. After conclusion of the dinner and the meeting, the 14th annual Pat Eyman Strawberry Pairs event was held.

President's Comments:

1. **Welcome:** The president welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all the volunteers for their assistance in preparation for the meeting. In particular, he thanked David Loken who arranged for the food catered by a local Mexican restaurant. He noted how successful his pleas in the NVBA newsletter for more volunteer help had been. Then he asked those who had volunteered during the last year to stand up and they were applauded by the membership. The president informed the members that the cakes at the meeting had written in frosting on them the names of the new life masters in recognition of their achievements.

2. **Secretarial and Treasurer's Report:** Due to the absence of the secretary for work-related reasons, the report was not given. Lynda Flanger, the treasurer, commented that there had been a \$1000 debit balance last year, but was happy to report that this year the Association had a credit balance of \$3000. She attributed this improvement in part to the acquisition of Bridgemates which reduced the cost of caddies and generated income through payments by club directors. She commented that income had been derived from the initiation of a weekly game at Heritage Hunt. She stated that a hard copy of her financial report was available at the meeting and that she would e-mail a soft copy to whomever requested one. The president thanked her for all her work as the treasurer and noted that the unit was now in excellent financial condition.

3. **Elections:** The following members were elected by acclamation for positions on the Board of Directors:

1. President: Mike Cappelletti, Sr.
2. Secretary: Alan Dockterman
3. Executive Directors: Leo Cardillo, Betty Bursey, and Ron Kral

The president thanked the board members for their service and noted that four board members were departing: Jennifer Nisenoff, secretary, and executive directors, Bruce Houston, Paul Black, and Virginia Gibbons. He explained that many board members performed additional functions in their capacity as board members. Paul was recognized as chief of traffic and parking management and Virginia for her role in buying and setting up of food and drink for the unit games. These four retiring members received gifts of appreciation for their service to the Association.

4. Awards:

A. *Mini-McKenney*

0-5 Thomas Jennings
5-20 Phillip Tseng
20-50 Sheryl McEwan
50-100 James Shoenhard
100-200 Stephen Colevas
200-300 Stephen Drodge
300-500 Amanda Carter
500-1000 Steve Reed
1000-2500 Robert Boyd
2500-5000 Ann Lindley
5000-7500 Helene Bauman
7500-10,000 Kenneth Davis
Over 10,000 Jeff Roman

B. *Ace of Clubs*

0-5 Thomas Jennings
5-20 Phillip Tseng
20-50 Sheryl McEwan
50-100 Jan Rusu
100-200 Stephen Colevas
200-300 Stephen Drodge
300-500 Mary Wilson
500-1000 Steve Reed
1000-2500 Robert Boyd
2500-5000 Bruce Houston
5000-7500 Donald Geerhart
7500-10,000 Kenneth Davis
Over 10,000 Jeff Roman

C. *Rookie of the Year*

Richard Posnanski

D. *Rush Buckley NLM*

Stephen Drodge

E. *Woman of the Year*

Helene Bauman

F. *Man of the Year*

Kenneth Davis

The president acknowledged each of these winners and Jim Dick took their pictures. He explained that the Rush Buckley award was established in honor of Rush who never achieved the level of life master but made major contributions to the unit. The players received awards and free plays for their accomplishments.

5. Presentation of Alan Breed: Alan, the current vice-president, then spoke to the members. He stated that it was an honor to serve with Bob, who was retiring as president. He had been an outstanding president, who ran meetings efficiently and was an excellent leader. Among his accomplishments was the introduction of Bridgemates, which reduced the cost of caddies, provided instantaneous scoring, and enabled the directors to be on the floor for quick resolution of issues. On behalf of the membership, he thanked Bob for his service for the last two years and the membership applauded him. He also presented him with a gift in appreciation for his service. Bob then asked Mike, the incoming president, to take over the remainder of the meeting

6. Remarks of Incoming President: Mike said he would not make any speeches. He hoped to continue the economic prosperity of the unit. He wanted to increase the number of members, especially younger players and recent retirees. He requested that any players who had suggestions to feel free to contact him. The players were reminded of the life master-non-life master game scheduled for June 9, 2011 and to fill out participation slips at the bridge tables. Then the new president proclaimed that it was time to play bridge. A motion to adjourn was made and duly seconded. The meeting ended at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Dockterman
Secretary, Unit 218

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