

Board of Director Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2014

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President
Leo Cardillo, Vice-President
Alan Dockterman, Secretary
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
Jim Gerding, Board Member
Lynne Beresford, Board Member
Sheryl McEwan, Board Member
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member
Howard Stevens, NVBA Member
Kevin O'Brien, NVBA Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the January Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 11:35 a.m. on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA.

Secretary's Report

The Board reviewed the minutes from the November Board of Directors' meeting which, upon the motion of Sheryl, seconded by Ann, were approved unanimously. Alan provided information received from ACBL on the number and age of members in the Unit.

Treasurer's Report

Ann provided balance sheets and profit and loss statements comparing the 2012 and the 2013 fiscal years. There was considerable discussion regarding the differences between the two years. The net income for 2013 was \$1665, an 86% reduction from \$11,831 in 2012. While much of the change can be attributable to the timing of payment of expenses and receipt of income, the figures do reflect a drop off of unit game receipts. Some of this loss of income arises from a board decision to increase the number of free plays at unit games. The total assets did not vary appreciably between the two years.

Other Items of Business

1. It was reported that players in the 199er game had complained that they had not received free plays upon winning at the Thursday unit games which were part of the WBL sectional. The Board unanimously passed the motion of Alan, seconded by Jim, to grant one free play in the amount of the standard unit game entry fee for those who earned section tops in both directions at the Thursday night WBL and NVBA sectional games.

2. The Board discussed traffic issues that reduced attendance at the unit game. The Board recognized that with membership spread throughout such a wide area in Northern Virginia, it would be impossible to find a location that would not be inconvenient to a segment of its membership. The Board will continue to obtain input from its members on how to resolve the dilemma.

3. Ron reported that he received numerous bridge books from Shawn Stringer of WBL. The Board agreed that they should be provided to NVBA members who would be asked to make a five dollar donation for the ACBL "Longest Day" project to combat Alzheimer's disease.

4. Sheryl, the coordinator of the Bridge-in-Schools program, reported to the Board that ACBL had increased its junior membership yearly dues from \$5.00 to \$15.00. Since NVBA had been paying the membership for deserving students participating in the program, she was concerned that if too many were selected, the cost would become prohibitive. The Board decided that the directors of the individual school programs should use their discretion in selecting which students merit payment of membership. All membership applications should be submitted to Ann to ensure that NVBA receives credit for the new ACBL members.

5. The Board members received draft copies of their position descriptions for updating in light of the recently revised Policies and Procedures Manual.

6. Jim and Alan agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. They will be contacting Board members to determine who intends to run for re-election and will also solicit NVBA members for recommendations of potential candidates for election at the Annual meeting.

7. Ron reported that the food at the Holiday party on December, 19, 2013 cost about \$750, which was substantially less than the charges from a private vendor for the December 2012 event. However, it was recognized that less food had been purchased and attendance had fallen off from the prior year.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting will be held in February at a date and place to be determined. NVBA members are invited to attend. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary

