

Board of Director Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2014

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President
Alan Dockterman, Secretary
Jim Gerding, Board Member
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member
Ken Davis, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
Joe Hertz, Board Member
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Editor

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the June meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 4:35 p.m. on June 8, 2014 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA.

Secretary's Report

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May Board of Directors' meeting which, with minor edits and upon the motion of Jim, seconded by Francesca, were approved unanimously. Alan relayed information about the addition and departure of members during the prior month.

Other Items of Business

1. There was no treasurer's report due to her absence, but she provided copies of the financial statements through May of this year. The documents showed that the net ordinary income for the year to date was \$3400. It was comprised of income from sectionals of \$4567, miscellaneous income of \$259, and unit game loss of \$1426. Ron noted that the operations of the WBL reverse those numbers due to a much larger number of participants at their unit games but lesser sectional attendance.
2. Two vacancies were filled. Kevin O'Brien and Ken Davis agreed to share responsibility as the GNT and NAP coordinators. Joe Hertz agreed to be in charge of the Technology Committee.
3. The Unit game on June 5, 2014, when the annual LM/NLM game was held, was a great success with 48 and 1/2 tables. Ironically, even though the entry fee was cut in half, more income was realized than in the usual games. With regard to a location for the unit game on September 25, 2014 when the Temple will not be available, Leo will negotiate with KOCH with authority to pay up to \$500 in rental fees.
4. Francesca reported that she had made progress with the player ladder and it should soon be operating. Joe is assisting her with technical aspects and obtaining updates. She will be developing certificates of achievement, signed by the president of the unit, for

distribution to players as they progress from a lower masterpoint category to a higher one. Jay Simon and Kevin are working on a cork board that will function as a wall of achievement for 199ers.

5. District Seven voted to run their own Regional tournaments. As a result, District Six and District Seven will now handle their own regionals, though the brand name "MABC" will continue. The funds deposited with MABC will be divided between the districts except for a common fund that both districts will contribute to in order to share equipment and supplies at tournaments that cross District lines.

6. The Board endorsed the elimination of the knockout games on Saturdays during the NVBA sectionals. One promising suggestion was to schedule Triple Nickel Swiss games instead. Another idea to improve the sectionals was to have scholastic games at sectionals for the Bridge in School participants. However, the Board acknowledged that holding scholastic games would not be feasible until such time as there is a critical mass of players for a separate game.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on July 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Bethesda, MD in the North Marriott hotel lobby). NVBA members are invited to attend. Upon the motion of Jim, seconded by Alan, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary

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