

Board of Director Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2014

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President  
Leo Cardillo, Vice-President  
Alan Dockterman, Secretary  
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 October meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 12:05 p.m. on October 19, 2014 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA.

**Secretary's Report**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September Board of Directors' meeting which, with minor edits and upon the motion of Leo, seconded by Francesca, were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Board reviewed the financial statements for August and September which detailed profit and loss since the beginning of the calendar year, set forth budget to actual expenditures, and compared the balance sheet for assets and liabilities with that of the prior years. Ron noted that the Unit had incurred expenses greater than budgeted without commensurate additional income. One explanation was the difficulty in attracting more "A" players. The Board recognized that as the membership grew older, more players became reluctant to drive at night and face rush hour traffic. Both reports were approved unanimously upon the motion of Ron, seconded by Alan.

**Other Items of Business**

1. Kevin suggested that a combined pairs and board-a-match event be included at NVBA sectionals. Ken pointed out that although the concept was laudable, it historically had been complicated to administer and had often been fouled up. Ron will discuss the proposal with the tournament chair to determine if the proposal can be instituted on a trial basis at an upcoming sectional.

2. Lucy handed out a draft schedule for the WBL and NVBA unit games for 2015. The schedule for the 199ers had not yet been developed.
3. The Board deferred discussion of the menu for holiday party until the next Board meeting due to Jim's absence.
4. Either Kevin or Leo will represent the Unit at the District Six board meeting in Norfolk in November since Ron will be absent.
5. Francesca reported that the distribution of 199er certificates was current as of two weeks ago.
6. Ron discussed with the Board his President's Message in the October-December 2014 newsletter. As an initiative to increase the 199er attendance at Unit games, the players were invited to attend and pay just a one dollar entry fee during January and February of 2015 (except for the sectional in February, where participants will receive a one half price coupon for a subsequent game at that tournament).
7. The Board agreed to provide Doug Grove theatre tickets to thank him for his years of service to the NVBA. He will soon be retiring as a tournament director.
8. Kevin presented to the board a draft email for 199ers which included information on the upcoming unit game, announced prior winners and players who had advanced to a higher masterpoint category, and identified the instructor and topic of the lesson scheduled for the next unit game. The email could be sent on a weekly basis with an expanded version monthly.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on November 9, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA NVBA members are invited to attend. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary

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