

Board of Director Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2014

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President
Leo Cardillo, Vice-President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
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
Howard Stevens, Assistant Unit Game Director
Eric Poskanzer, Membership Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the November meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 11:35 a.m. on November 9, 2014 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA.

Secretary's Report

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October Board of Directors' meeting which, with one minor edit and upon the motion of Ron, seconded by Jim, were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the financial statements for October 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 year. Ann noted that the loss for the last ten months was \$3843 over budget. She explained that this occurred due to the greater number of free plays provided and the lack of anticipated growth in the number of participants, particularly in the novice game, at the unit games.

She said the number of tables at the last sectional fell from last year's total of 470 to 437 this year. Ron noted that there had also been less sectional participants throughout the country. Ann stated that she intended to begin preparing the 2015 budget and requested that board members and others who had information that would impact budget figures contact her. Her report was approved unanimously upon the motion of Alan, seconded by Kevin.

Other Items of Business

1. Leo will attend the District Six meeting in Norfolk this month. Ron reported that the MABC no longer functionally exists other than to handle minor administrative matters. Eventually the balance of funds will be divided between District Seven and District Six on a 60-40 basis.
2. Jim reported on the proposal submitted by Ledo Pizza for the Holiday party in December. Ledo offered to provide twenty-two pizzas, ten salads, and 200 wings for \$829.06. The Board concluded this would suffice for the approximately 200 people expected at the party. Upon the motion of Leo, seconded by Ron, the proposal was unanimously accepted by the Board. Players who do not bring a side or dessert will pay \$5.00 for dinner, plus the regular entry fee.
3. Lucy and Kevin provided a draft schedule for the WBL and NVBA open and 199er games for 2015. The Board made a few minor modifications.
4. Ron reported on the distribution of six sanctions for extra championships to club directors, of which five had already been accepted.
5. The Board discussed Ron's motion to purchase ten tables to replace ten tables which are in poor condition. Ron pointed out that the tables would be shipped free of charge from Amazon. Leo will contact the Temple to determine if they would be willing to accept delivery. Ron's motion was approved unanimously upon the motion of Alan, seconded by Jim.
6. Beth El had requested that NVBA provide free bridge lessons to its members. This was acceptable to the Board and Leo agreed to contact the temple to set up times.
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. The Board discussed how best to notify 199ers of information about upcoming unit games. Eric discussed the difficulties of using the iContact program for distribution of a proposed flyer. Unfortunately, the flyer would be incompatible with iContact since the program has its own template, although perhaps it could be replicated by rebuilding it within that template. There would also be an additional obstacle in communicating to 199ers. NVBA does not have current email addresses for a substantial minority of its members. IContact is supposed to provide statistics on the fate of each email sent, but it does not currently do so. Ron suggested that the flyer information could be posted on the website with a link to it.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on December 14, 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 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary

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