

Board of Director Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2014

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President
Leo Cardillo, Vice-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
Howard Stevens, Education Chair

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the December meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 11:45 a.m. on December 14, 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, with minor edits and upon the motion of Kevin, seconded by Francesca, were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the financial statements for November emailed from Ann 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. Leo noted that the dollar net loss for the Unit game was less than the prior year. Ron reported that the number of participants at tournaments and unit games had fallen throughout the country during the last year. Ron noted that the budget committee planned to meet next month. Due to the absence of the treasurer, the Board deferred voting on the report until the next meeting.

Other Items of Business

1. The Board discussed various matter related to the Holiday party set for December 18, 2014. The members selected NVBA member Vonnie Lavender to receive the Dave Murray Award, which is given to the player who exhibited during the past year high levels of skill, sportsmanship, courtesy, enthusiasm, and sense of humor. The Board also

discussed providing holiday bonuses to its unit game directors and Beth El staff who had so ably helped the Unit in the last year. It passed unanimously the motion of Jim, seconded by Alan, to provide up to \$700 for such bonuses.

2. The Board learned that NVBA member Margot Hennings and Barbara Ames from WBL had planned a retirement reception in honor of Doug Grove. Upon the motion of Kevin, seconded by Leo, it unanimously agreed to contribute \$250 for the event.

3. The Board discussed the contents of the next newsletter. Jim and Kevin will write an article for 199ers explaining the categories of masterpoints and the criteria for their award.

4. Howard informed that Board that he is sending out emails weekly to 199ers concerning the upcoming Unit games and recent developments. The members provided input into the content of such emails.

5. Beth El had requested that NVBA provide free bridge lessons to its members. This was acceptable to the Board and Leo agreed to contact Beth El to set up times.

6. Kevin had emailed the Board draft bylaws and articles of incorporation for a non-profit corporation the Unit intended to establish. The Board expressed its interest in naming it the NVBA Foundation. Kevin will begin working with an attorney in Virginia Beach who had represented District Six in a similar endeavor.

7. Francesca agreed to provide additional information on the cost of implementation of the initiative to honor 199ers as they reach higher categories in their masterpoint achievement. It was agreed that instead of mailing certificates, the players would pick them up at the unit games.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on January 11, 2015 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 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary

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