

Board of Director Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2015

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
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Editor
Howard Stevens, Assistant Unit Game Director
Margot Hennings, District Six Director

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the January meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 11:35 a.m. on January 11, 2015 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the financial statements for December 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. Ann also handed out the Budget Overview for the 2015 calendar year. The Board agreed to discuss the 2015 budget at the next meeting. Margot noted that for all tournaments, the sanction fees and the tournament director fees will increase 2% and 5%, respectively, effective April 1, 2015. Ann reported that the Unit game lost \$3161 in 2015, which was 32% less than the loss for the prior year. The net income for the year was \$1304.

The Board considered and then rejected any change in the fiscal year. The audit is expected to be performed in May. Upon the motion of Alan, seconded by Jim, the report for December, as well as the report for November which was deferred until this meeting, were unanimously approved.

Other Items of Business

1. Margot reviewed various District Six issues for the Board. She asked the Board its view about whether the *TableTalk* magazine should continue printing copies or should it

simply go on-line. Ron stated that it was far better for it to continue in print. Candy Kuschner, will now be the director at NVBA sectionals, replacing Doug Grove who is retiring as a Tournament Director. Margot delivered 108 decks to the Board which had been previously ordered. She led a discussion of the ACBL privacy rules and whether an opt in or an opt out process should be used for inclusion of members for NVBA publications and whether that can occur on-line. ACBL is now insisting on better documentation for all payments to third parties of more than \$600. She asked that the Board advise any players who wish to become tournament assistants to contact her directly.

2. Ron informed the Board that there will be a new weekly game in Purcellville, VA on Wednesday at 2:00 P.M, run by Eliot Itkin.

3. Leo requested that the Board change the award procedure so that all are given at the Annual Meeting in May. The matter was discussed and will be voted on at the next meeting. He also queried whether the Board should resume inscribing the name of the novice player of the year on the large trophy which had been occurring until 1999. Margot noted the high expense of cleaning up trophy. No further action was taken.

4. Leo informed the Board that Temple Beth El representatives told him that their congregation had shown no interest in free bridge lessons. Nor is the Temple interested in adding another weekly club game there.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on February 22, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Arl/Fairfax Elks Lodge in Fairfax, VA. NVBA members are invited to attend. Upon the motion of Kevin, seconded by Alan, which passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Dockterman, Secretary

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