

Board of Director Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2015

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President  
Leo Cardillo, Vice-President  
Alan Dockterman, Secretary  
Jim Gerding, Board Member  
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member  
Ken Davis, Board Member  
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Editor  
Howard Stevens, Education Chair  
Donna Hickling, NVBA Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the April meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 11:40 a.m. on April 12, 2015 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA.

**Secretary's Report**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

The Board had received the financial statements for March 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. Due to the absence of the treasurer, the Board deferred voting on the report until the next meeting. The Board discussed the attendance at the Unit games. It appeared to Jim and Howard that the special promotional entry fee of one dollar during January and February for the 199er game had served to increase attendance. Francesca noted that thirty certificates of achievement for 199ers had not been picked up; she agreed to contact the players and urge them to come to a Unit game to retrieve them.

**Other Items of Business**

1. The Board decided to postpone discussion of whether members should be allowed to use free plays issued by the Unit for sectionals until the next meeting.
2. Ron reported that even though a rookie player is not listed as a 199er at the beginning of the year but joins the list during the year and earns the most masterpoints, the player can still be designated as the rookie of the year. That resolved the issue from the prior meeting.

3. The Board continued its discussion of whether our unit members should be included in the membership directory proposed jointly by MBA and WBL. Lucy reported that MBA will vote on participation on April 19, 2015. Therefore, no action was taken, pending additional information.

4. The Nomination Committee identified and endorsed Board candidates for the May election. Susan Miskura was endorsed to be a new board member and Donna Hickling to be the new secretary. They would replace Ken and Alan, respectively, whose terms expire in May of 2015. Ron, the NVBA president, and Jim, a board member, agreed to run for re-election and were endorsed by the Committee. While not required by the constitution and by-laws, the Board unanimously approved the nominees.

5. The Board once again discussed its rental rate of Bridgemates which had not been consistent among the clubs. The rental fees charged now will be the same to all club game directors.

6. The Board members are still searching for a new Caddy Chair.

7. The Board continued its discussion of renting or buying property for a venue for club games, unit games, and sectionals. Leo obtained information from the St. Petersburg, Florida program which had been successful in establishing such a program. Francesca is now looking at churches which might lease possible venues. One major challenge identified was finding a site at reasonable cost with sufficient parking.

8. Ron mentioned that Fred King of the WBL had discussed the possibility of a establishing a "Beltway Cup" tournament with the NBL. Ron will obtain more information about his proposal.

9. Jim discussed the Unit's participation in ACBL's Longest Day program to raise money for Alzheimer research. It is scheduled for June 21, 2015 at Beth El. The Board passed a motion by Leo, seconded by Ron, to pay up to \$500 to the ACBL for table fees. Alan voted no.

10. The Board was asked by Ron to help find a person to handle the emails for iContact.

12. Ron reported that some players had difficulty determining vulnerability using some of the new boards. The Board unanimously passed his motion, seconded by Leo, to purchase inserts for the boards at a cost up to \$100 which would remedy this problem.

#### NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next NVBA Board meeting will be held immediately after the 6:00 P.M. annual meeting on May 7, 2015, 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,

Donna Hickling, Secretary

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