

Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Northern Virginia Bridge Association

May 6, 2016

The Fifty-Fourth annual meeting of the NVBA was held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA on May 6, 2016. The President, Ron Kral, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. After conclusion of the dinner and meeting, the 19th annual Pat Eyman Strawberry Pairs event began.

1. **Welcome and Remarks:** Ron greeting the NVBA members and guests. He noted that there had been considerable variation in entry fee for the unit games from week to week. Therefore, the board had decided to end the confusion by setting the price at \$8.00 for the Intermediate/Novice game and \$10.00 for the regular game. Players with 0-5 masterpoints would continue to play free of charge. Ron acknowledged the fine work of the board members and they received a round of applause. He recognized Lucy McCoy for her outstanding contribution as Newsletter Liaison and Editor, and Joe Hertz for his work on the website. The president noted that the summer national tournament will be held this July in Washington D.C. and urged members to support the effort and sign the volunteer list at the meeting. There also was a list for players to sign up for a silent auction in which they could bid to play with experts at the Nationals. Cake with the names of each new life master had been prepared in honor of their achievement. The players were reminded that the life master/non-master game had been set for June 2, 2016. All players were encouraged to participate.

2. **Secretarial Report:** Leo offered copies of last year's minutes for review at the meeting. By unanimous vote, the May 7, 2015 minutes were approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Leo reported for the treasurer who was absent. He stated that 2015 had been another successful year for NVBA, despite a net loss of about \$1600. He explained that the Unit was attempting to find a location where bridge could occur on daily basis in a central location. Board members had found a promising venue at a building owned by the Shriners on Route 50 in Fairfax County, Va, although only limited progress had been made in discussions with the organization. If anyone is aware of other potential sites, Leo asked that he be contacted.

4. **Elections:** The following members were elected unanimously for positions on the Board of Directors:

1. Vice-President: Leo Cardillo (re-elected)
2. Treasurer: Ann Atcheson (re-elected)
3. Executive Directors: Francesca Mazarella (re-elected), Kevin O'Brien (re-elected), David Lindley

Ron noted one board member was departing: Joe Hertz. He was honored for his efforts on the Board and contribution to the NVBA.

Ron and Leo, then presented the 2015 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards. In addition, the following winners were announced:

- A. *Rookie of the Year*
Kathy Walton
- B.** *Rush Buckley NLM*
Adam Gann
- C. *Woman of the Year*
Vonnie Lavender
- D. *Man of the Year*
Ken Davis

All these winners were recognized and their pictures taken. The players received awards and free plays for their accomplishments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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For the Secretary, Unit 218

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