

[Final as Approved]
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2017

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President
John Wertman, Secretary
David Lindley, Board Member
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
George Parkins, Board Member
Joe Hertz, Web Coordinator

Unable to attend: Ron Kral, Past President
Leo Cardillo, Vice President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
Howard Stevens, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the May 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:47 a.m. on May 21, 2017 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with no changes. The minutes from the 2017 NVBA Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with one minor change.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and unanimously approved.

Action Items/New Business

George and Marty led a discussion of action items and new business:

- There is a desire to get 199er/Newcomer lecture materials posted on the web – Kevin has sent materials to Ron
- There is also a need to post the revised constitution on the website
- We might want to include an agenda item in a future board meeting regarding new free play forms to account for changes recently discussed
- Norma Pierzchala asked the Board if we would consider adopting a policy regarding finding partners at club games for players with diminishing capacity. We unanimously agreed that this is a sensitive issue that should be handled by individual directors as they best see fit.
- Jim Gerding put together a checklist of all items that will need to be available or handled for the unit games at KOCH in August. Leo will coordinate with those in charge of various aspects of the August games. It is our sense that Koch can

- accommodate ~40 tables and the Board discussed holding the 0-20 game either on the stage or in another area as the upstairs room is not available to us in August.
- Beth El is not available to us for the Unit Game on Thursday September 21. Livingston Johnson is looking into the possibility of playing at the Salvation Army and we can also consider the Elks. We don't consider schools to be a feasible venue.
 - The Board decided to start issuing and presenting certificates to players in recognition of rank advancement a few years ago in order to increase attendance at the Unit Game but there is agreement amongst the Board that the idea isn't working as intended and that we should revisit issuing the certificates. We also need to distribute the existing backlog of certificates and determine how we will make sure they are collected in the future if we maintain the program. Board members were asked to help pass out existing certificates and send any thoughts on the program to Howard.
 - We have a working flyer for the October NLM Regional and Open Sectional at the Elks. Margot Hennings developed the flyer and various suggestions from Kevin and Marty were incorporated. Margot is continuing to distribute information about the event in the hopes of attracting NLM players widely.
 - The NVBA position description document is inaccurate and Marty is leading the Board in a process of reviewing all position descriptions. Board members have been asked to submit a refined description for their role to the President.
 - There will be a closet cleanup at Beth El on Thursday June 22. This will also serve to prepare us for playing at KOCH in August.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meeting will be held at 10:45 am on June 25, 2017 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA. The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Wertman, Secretary