

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2017

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President  
Georgette Weiss, Vice President  
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer  
Ron Kral, Past President  
David Lindley, Board Member  
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member  
George Parkins, Board Member  
Howard Stevens, Board Member  
Eric Poskanzer, Membership  
Joe Hertz, Website Liaison  
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Liaison  
Jim Gerding, Unit Game Director

Unable to attend: John Wertman, Secretary, Kevin O'Brien, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the November 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:45 a.m. on November 12, 2017 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and unanimously approved. It was Noted by Ann that we are \$225.00 Ahead for the "security fee for Beth El. It was decided that there would be NO security fee charged for the December 21 game at Beth El because of the increased amount. The reason there is 'extra' is because the table count was higher than anticipated.

### **Action Items/New Business**

George, Marty, David, Ron, Francesca and others led a discussion of action items and new business:

- Ron Kral posting the 199er Lecture Materials on the website is still pending with a goal for completion by December.
- Sending information about the 0-20 game to NVBA members – due date is 12/30
- The process of evaluating the Lincolnia Senior Center as a possible Unit Game site is being undertaken, George will investigate and report by January.
- The Board opened a discussion on the NVBA Newsletter led by David. The Board approved the creation of a "Welcome to the NVBA" booklet. There are mixed opinions on continuing production of a printed newsletter given the cost and given that most members access information digitally. David will develop a proposal on how to move forward to be shared at a future Board meeting. This document would not cost more to mail than what is presently being mailed to new members. Eric Poskanzer and David will get together to finalize this plan. The purpose is to help new players be 'aware' of what is available to them. What the awards are, where games are and other resources, all of this information is available on the website, but unless you are a NET Surfer, you won't know about it. David had more samples about what the 'brochure' would look like and also about 'printing' it economically.
- Joint Directory by WBL and NVBA on hold until July 2018 at the earliest. WBL is not interested at this time. No need for us to do it.
- Food for the Holiday Party – Italian Store – Francesca will order food with the understanding that it needs to be ready by BEFORE 4:30. It will be picked up by Georgette, Eric and David. Georgette will

use NVBA credit card to pay for it. Francesca should call a WEEK before Party date to REMIND them of our order and time to be picked up and then AGAIN two days before event.

- Georgette will assess paper products, cups, napkins, utensils etc at Beth El/Koch and purchase whatever is necessary for the Holiday Party.
- Francesca will talk to Sheila and ask Sheila to get a **group** of ‘hospitality’ helpers to set food up and put food out, once it arrives, make sure things are replenished and help clean up after.
- Jim, Marty, Georgette, George? Ann ? and ? will go to KOCH (November 21, 28?? Or November 29 {best for Me, marty}, or OTHER Date SOON???) to discuss 2018 year dates for Unit game. Ask about what linens, etc WE can use for tables, etc. Ask for another table or ‘two’ for the Holiday party and more trash cans for the evening of the party.
- Salads and desserts should be brought by the players OR they can give a \$5.00 donation. David/Howard/Kevin will put this in the newsletters that are sent via email. Jim can announce it at the games prior to the party.
- David will handle the eggnog with and without, there are punch bowls in the closet at Beth El that can be used.
- Georgette will use the soft drinks that are at Beth El for the party and supplement with liter bottles of soft drinks if necessary.
- Ron will handle the engraving for the necessary trophies, including purchase of NEW Margo and Don Hennings Tournament Pairs Trophy [or whatever it is called properly] and also the ‘thing’ for Leo.
- Ron will get Poinsetta’s at Harris Teeters
- Georgette will bring Holiday Decorations and get napkins
- Trunk show will be at the Holiday Party – Cynthia Larre?
- Francesca will come up with ideas and PRESENT them for future socialization events, for example, sharing ‘business’ cards to network services, this is for the January meeting, which is as yet unscheduled.
- The joint scheduling meeting with WBL leadership and NVBA was held on November 11. A calendar for 2018 was put together by all parties. Thanks to Ron Kral for hosting and feeding the group! Jim and Howard will put together a 199er/0-20 calendar to go along with the main calendar. Once it is complete it will be finalized and be printed for distribution by the Holiday Party AND put on the website.
- A person was selected for the Dave Murray Award.
- A pair was selected for the Ron and Mary Ann Kral Award
- The Sarah Goodwin Award will be ‘computed’ closer to the actual Holiday Party date by RON.
- The free play policy was discussed, it is on pages 17 to 20 something in the P and P document. Jim, as Unit game director didn’t realize ‘who’ was supposed to get ‘what’. Marty didn’t realize there were so many pages. Jim will take responsibility for updated and ‘fixing’ what needs fixing. He will present it to us at the December board meeting.
- End of the year bonus’s were discussed. It was decided (I think) to not give any at Beth El AND to give some at KOCH, but perhaps not as ‘generous’ as we would be if we had been at KOCH for longer than 5 months. Otherwise the amount for directors will be the same as last year.
- Joe Hertz presented an idea about using a Google Account, we need to be a 501c organization and we aren’t, he is pitching it to District 6 at the Cambridge Regional. He was told to tell them we are ‘interested’ but have some reservations about it’s applicability to our situation in our present form.
- Kevin was not present so there was no discussion regarding the Newcomer POY.
- Joe and Kevin have not met regarding the Candidate Socialization events so it was not discussed.
- John was not present so there was no discussion regarding a Yearly NVBA fundraiser.
- Ron, Lucy, George and ??? met after the scheduling meeting and made a good start on adjustments for the P and P document. It is estimated that by the APRIL board meeting, they will be able to present the new document.
- The Longest Day has been changed to the “LONGEST DAY WEEK” Any club game can hold one, even if it isn’t on June 21. Since the Unit game is on June 21, it has been suggested that we hold a

Longest Day Game in the 'total' donation model. Katy Culp, Georgette Weiss, Kevin O'Brien and others have formed a group to accomplish this. It needs to be put on the boards agenda for future discussion

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:** The next NVBA Board meeting will be held at 10:45 am on December 10, 2017 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha DeVries Bley, Acting- Secretary