

Final as Approved

Fifty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Northern Virginia Bridge Association

May 10, 2018

The Fifty-Fifth annual meeting of the Northern Virginia Bridge Association was held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA on May 10, 2018. The President, Marty Bley, called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M.

1. Welcome. Marty welcomed everyone to the dinner meeting and thanked all the volunteers for their assistance in the various activities involved in setting up the meeting and dinner. Special thanks went to David Loken for handling the food order and to Picante for feeding us.

2. Treasurer's Report. NVBA Treasurer Ann Atcheson noted that the **Unit** had a gain of \$5,284 for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to a net gain in 2016 of \$3,552. Our gross revenue for the year was \$136,869 with expenses of \$131,585. Gross revenue increased by \$11,540 compared to 2016. The **Unit Game, the 199er and the Zero-20 Games** had a combined loss of \$2,100 compared to last year's gain of \$2,014. The four **Sectional Tournaments** run by the Unit in 2017 created a net gain of \$7,383 compared to last year's gain of \$7,007. Gross revenue was up by \$5,000 and table count was up by 80 tables.

A **budget** for 2018 has been prepared and is available to you on the NVBA.org web site along with monthly financial statements through March 2018. Through March 2018 the Unit's operations are over budget by \$128.

3. Elections. The following members were elected by acclamation for positions on the NVBA Board of Directors:

1. Vice President: Georgette Weiss
2. Treasurer: Ann Atcheson
3. Executive Directors: Joe Hertz, David Lindley, and Kevin O'Brien

Marty thanked the Board for their service and noted that one Board member is departing: Francesca Mazarella. She was honored for her efforts as Executive Director on the Board and contributions to the Association.

4. Awards. Marty and John Wertman then presented the 2016 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards. In addition, the following awards were announced:

- A. Rookie of the Year: Ellen Simonoff
- B. Rush Buckley NLM: John Wertman

C. Woman of the Year: Vonnie Lavender

D. Man of the Year: Robert Hopkins, Jr.

Each of these winners was recognized and their pictures were taken. The players received awards and free plays for their accomplishments. All NVBA members who achieved Life Master over the last year were also recognized.

5. Concluding Remarks. Marty thanked Ron Kral for his service as Past President over the last year and for his many years of hard work in various NVBA roles. Under the NVBA Constitution, the Past President continues to serve on the Board until the Annual Meeting following the end of their presidential term. Accordingly, Ron's service on the Board is now concluded. Other announcements included:

- Association members were urged to consider providing hospitality during a Unit Game.
- NVBA members were also asked to take on volunteer roles in the Association.
- Bob Boyd and others are working on possible solutions to improve the Unit Game's A/X section. Regular A/X players are being interviewed.
- NVBA members were reminded that Board minutes are posted on the web once they have been approved. Also, members may bring issues to the Board for discussion or consideration by attending a Board meeting or speaking with a Board member.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Wertman, Secretary, Unit 218