

[FINAL AS APPROVED]
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2019

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
John Wertman, Secretary
Joe Hertz, Board Member
David Lindley, Board Member
Kevin O'Brien, Board Member
George Parkins, Board Member
Jim Gerding, Unit Game Chief Director
Ron Kral, Webmaster

Unable to attend: Georgette Weiss, Vice President
Howard Stevens, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the January 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:45 a.m. on January 20, 2019 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with no changes.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and unanimously approved.

Action Items/New Business

Marty led a discussion of action items and new business:

- The Secretary was asked to go ahead with obtaining a Dun & Bradstreet certification, using the address used by the Treasurer on our tax returns.
- Planning has begun in earnest for the 2019 Annual Meeting, to be held May 9. We will likely get food from Red, Hot, and Blue (BBQ). Ron will handle. Players are asked to bring a salad and dessert. The Secretary will order the Mini McKenney medals and the President will receive the AoC certificates. We will check with Lucy re: cakes for new Life Masters. Awards are Rookie of the Year, Rush Buckley, and Man/Woman of the Year.
- All Board Members with terms expiring in May are willing to run again for another two-year term. We will send out notification to unit members about their option to run by April 9.
- The Unit Game 0-20 game has become sporadic. We will increase email outreach to players in this strata. Lesson topics are set for February. 0-5 players can play for \$2 (the security fee); 5-20 will pay \$5 (including security fee) during March.

- A new Director Course will be offered right before the Reston Regional. Will be hosted at the Vice President's house and will start three days before the regional. Brenda Egeland will make the flyer. Checks will be made out to NVBA – the likely fee is \$75. Marty will ascertain how much ACBL collects per person.
- We would like to offer Learn Bridge in a Day in conjunction with the Reston Regional, but we need to find a qualified teacher. Margot Hennings recommended Patty Tucker, but she has been unresponsive to Marty. We can't move ahead until we have a qualified teacher and also folks lined up to give lessons after the regional.
- Eric Poskanzer has been leading Unit Game Partnerships, but we need a permanent coordinator. Ron will ask Francesca if she is willing. We also need 199er Directors – especially with Steve Rothman out for the time being.
- We will be ordering bridge tablecloths for the Unit Game and NVBA Sectionals. Some local club directors will also be ordering them. Ron will handle the orders and will also look into bins for storage.
- Ron has been re-doing our website from the bottom up. A good model is the D6 website, which was redone by Brenda Egeland. Look there for a terrific tournament calendar.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT: Upcoming NVBA Board meetings will be held at 10:45 am on February 10 and March 10 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Wertman, Secretary