

[FINAL AS APPROVED]
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2019

ATTENDEES: Marty Bley, President
Georgette Weiss, Vice President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
John Wertman, Secretary
Joe Hertz, Board Member
David Lindley, Board Member
George Parkins, Board Member
Howard Stevens, Board Member
Joia Hertz, Bridge in Schools Coordinator
Ron Kral, Webmaster
Eric Poskanzer, Membership Coordinator

Unable to attend: Kevin O'Brien, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the June 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:45 a.m. on June 9, 2019 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the April meeting and the 2019 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with minor corrections.

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:

- George noted that all outstanding Action Items were closed.
- The Board reviewed the LM-NLM game: a possible problem was noted with the number of pre-made partnerships; the check-in process went very smoothly; we had a slightly-lower number of overall players this year – this kept us from having to find as many life masters to fill out partnerships.
- Approximately ten people signed up for the Director's Course being offered in conjunction with the Reston Regional. There is still a bit of space – course is intended for max 15 folks. It's a three-day format with the test Monday morning. Doug Grove is teaching.
- We will encourage and ask players not to have open beverage containers on the tablecloths during the Unit Game. We plan to wash them approximately annually.
- Eric offered to work on putting together a how-to booklet for NVBA's major annual events. The booklet will be based on intuitional knowledge, past minutes,

- bulletins, our constitution and by-laws. The events included will be: LM/NLM; Leo Cardillo game; the Holiday Party; and the Annual Meeting. The document will be updated annually by the event coordinators and the Secretary. The board officially appointed to undertake this task.
- The Board discussed the possibility of developing an online partnership system for the unit game. This would require masking names so that people don't pick and choose. We could also use it for NVBA Sectionals and local clubs. We agreed to try it.
 - NVBA had an existing policy of not accepting free plays on the evenings of WBL Sectionals at the Unit Game. Ron pointed out that it would have the same impact on our bottom line. We approved a motion to being accepting free plays on these evenings.
 - The Association's Certificates of Deposit are maturing. Ann proposed putting the funds into new CDs with better rates. The Board approved a motion to take that action. We will also move some additional funds from our money market account to additional CD holdings.
 - We discussed the possibility of awarding free plays to NVBA members who reach the level of 5,000 and 10,000 masterpoints. It was noted that these players already get recognized by Margot at Sectionals. Accordingly, the Board decided to not award free plays.
 - The fee for the Longest Day Unit Game will be zero. Security fee will also be waived and Jim is waiving his fee. All players will be encouraged to donate to our collection for the Alzheimer's Association. Beth El is waiving our rent for the evening.
 - David will update the NVBA Intro Booklet by next month.
 - New Business: 1) we need to get engraving on the WBL/NVBA Player of the Year and NLM of the Year trophies; 2) We voted to purchase the Tournament Director pagers and will announce that we are using them at upcoming Unit Games.

NEXT MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT: The next NVBA Board meetings will be held at 10:45 a.m. on July 14 and August 11 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Wertman, Secretary