

Minutes of the NVBA Annual Meeting
May 9, 2019

6:20 PM Meeting called to order.

President thanked Ron Kral and his helpers for getting pizza and salad from Valentino's Pizza in Alexandria, VA. Please give them a round!

Treasurer's Report – Ann Atcheson reported on the financial health of the Unit.

Election of Board Members

Returning to the Board of Directors are:

- ✚ Martha DeVries Bley - President
- ✚ John Wertman - Secretary
- ✚ George Parkins – Club Liaison, Agenda Keeper for the board meetings
- ✚ Howard Stevens – Education Chair, Newsletter for 0-199 Game, LM/NLM Game Leo Cardillo Team Game Planner
- ✚ *There were no nominations from the floor, so these members were elected by acclamation.*

Awards

Presentation of the Leo Cardillo Volunteer of the Year Award.

In 2017 the Board of Directors created a new Award in Honor of Leo Cardillo. The first Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Leo at the Holiday Party in 2017. Leo was President and Vice President and on the Board for many years, and gave many years of service to NVBA in many positions. In 2018 the award was given to David Lindley at the Holiday Party for all his work on the various newsy emails he sends out weekly and for formatting the NVBA Newsletter, which is published quarterly and posted on line. In 2019 the Board decided to award it to Ron Kral, another very deserving 'Volunteer'. The award is to recognize all the work he has done updating the NVBA website, creating a bidding platform for players to bid on a Longest Day volunteer expert player, and creating a registration capability for the Life Master/Non Life Master game in June. Prior to that he has worked tirelessly on other aspects of the website, posting the minutes and financial reports to website regarding the board meetings, updating various links, including but not limited to the clubs in NVBA land, Teachers in NVBA land, weekly unit game results and the list goes on and on and on, just like the Energizer Bunny!

Presentation of Ace of Clubs certificates

Here is the list of Ace of Clubs winners: Ace of Club winners are District 6 members who won the most masterpoints in their category in local clubs. These are the winners from unit 218.

Marty Fuchs	0 to 5
Ronald Shoemaker	5 to 20
James Dahlberg	20 to 50
John Graf	50 to 100
David Goldfrank	100 to 200
Craig Pritzker	200 to 300
Douglas Lahammer	300 to 500
Sharon Suttten	500 to 1000
Dean Baird	1000 to 1500
Yuen DeAnda	1500 to 2500
Steve Reed	2500 to 3500
Kenton Schoen	3500 to 5000
Vonnie Lavender	5000 to 7500
Jay Kelkar	7500 to 10,000
Ken Davis	Over 10,000

Presentation of Mini-McKenney medal winners: Unit Mini-McKenney winners are the NVBA members who won the most master points in their category in a calendar year playing in any ACBL sanctioned event - club, sectional, regional or national.

Peter Campbell	0 to 5 Master Points
Dee Ann Gretz	5 to 20 Master Points
James Dahlberg	20 to 50 Master Points
Paul Mohler	50 to 100 Master Points
David Goldfrank	100 to 200 Master points
Craig Pritzker	200 to 300 Master points
Amy Brisson	300 to 500 Master points
Francesca Mazarella	500 to 1000 Master Points
Hal Jones	1000 to 1500 Master Points
George Parkins	1500 to 2500 Master points
Jay Cherlow	2500 to 3500 Master points
Kenton Schoen	3500 to 5000 Master points
Jim Wakefield	5000 to 75000 Master Points
Sumner Steinfeldt	7500 to 10,000 Master points
Ken Davis	Over 10,000 Master points

Individual NVBA Awards

NVBA Rookie of the Year The NVBA Rookie of the year is an NVBA member who had fewer than 5 master points at the start of the year, or who becomes an ACBL member or transfers into NVBA during the year with fewer than 5 MPs, and then amasses the most master points in that category playing in NVBA-sponsored events.—TO see a list of Previous Winners look on the NVBA website!
This Year's Winner is Jichong Chai

NVBA Rush Buckley Award —The Rush Buckley award is given to the NVBA player who started the year or joined the NVBA during the year as a non-Life Master with more than 20 MPs, and won the most Master points in the year playing in NVBA-sponsored events. To see a list of Previous Winners look on the NVBA website! This Year's Winner is David Goldfrank

NVBA Male Player of the Year —The NVBA Male Player of the Year trophy is awarded to the male player who wins the most master points during a calendar year playing in NVBA-sponsored events. To see a list of previous winners go to the NVBA website. This year's winner is Kenton Schoen.

NVBA Female Player of the year —The NVBA Female Player of the Year trophy is awarded to the female player who wins the most master points during a calendar year playing in NVBA-sponsored events. To see a list of previous Winners look on the NVBA website. This year's winner is Vonnie Lavender

Recognition of players who achieved the rank of Life Master in 2018.

In alphabetical Order they are: Joan Axilbund, Amy Brisson, Kenneth Cohn, Dr. John R. Cook, Pat Cook, David Goldfrank, Robert M. Greenburg, Ranbir Khare, Douglas E. Lahammer, Anita R. Lancaster, Hank L. Lavender, Joseph Lebaron, William Lowry, Jayne Lynch, Craig L. Pritzker, Sheldon J. Richter, Gale Rogers, Kim Sanders, Gary E. Scavongelli, Janice K. Scavongelli, Hannalore Sofocleous, Bill R. Teer, Pat J. Teer, Duncan Thompson, Noi West, Diane M. Woodworth, Jeffrey Yutzler

The President recognized the volunteers who contributed to the Unit Game hospitality on Thursday nights.

The President put out a call to all those present to consider volunteering in some capacity, noting that if you do hospitality one night, you get a free play, and so does your partner if your partner helps you. Please volunteer to Sheila Ellis.

The President thanked Board Members, Standing Committee Chairs and Officials and other volunteers who helped run the NVBA events during the past year. This volunteer work included making sure there are sodas, coffee cups, napkins, sugar, finding people to do the food each week, or doing the food themselves, planning for a regional, sectional, weekly game, finding guaranteed partners to volunteer to play with you when your regular partner cannot, doing partnerships for the unit game or the sectionals, sending get well cards to members who are on the mend, making sure the website is up to date and functioning, sending out new member packets to welcome newcomers and players transferring into our unit, planning the Annual Meeting, the Holiday Party, the LM/NLM game, the Longest Day, the Leo Cardillo Team Game in October, giving a lecture/lesson prior to the unit game, and making the schedule for the Unit Game.

The President noted that from the Board members on down, everyone is a VOLUNTEER and they do it because they love bridge, want others to love it (hence all the efforts to recruit new players) and want players to keep coming back to the table. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact one of the Board members and sign up for whatever area interests you...even if all you do is provide food on Thursday night once a month or give a pre-game lesson, or help with parking at the LM/NLM game, or volunteer to be a Guaranteed Partner (GP) for the 0-199 game or another strat at the unit game, or be a GP at one of our sectionals, your help would be welcomed.

The President reiterated that we need people NOW to do food on Thursdays, and anyone interested should get on the schedule kept by Sheila Ellis. If you would like to teach a pregame lesson on any topic you choose, please see the President. We are looking for speakers for July through the end of the calendar year. If you would like to be a GP, please see Francesca Mazarella; she is looking for people who can be a GP for the 0-199 game, B/C game and A/X game.

June 6 is the LM/NLM game. You can sign up on the website OR you can use the paper copies of the signup sheets. Just fill one out and turn it in to a Director at the game. We need Life Masters and Non-Life Masters to make this work.

Put June 21 on your calendar. Find your favorite partner and some Celebrate the Longest Day for a Week from June 16 to June 23. Multiple games are being held to raise money for Alzheimer's. Check out the website to see when and where, to bid on a player in the bridge auction, and to bid on silent auction items, and you can buy raffle tickets for free plays to District 6 Regionals from a volunteer at one of the daytime games in NVBA land.

June 27 is a Memorial Game in Memory of Janet Gookin. She recently passed on to that big Bridge Table in the Sky. Vonnie Lavender and others are planning this game in her memory. Janet was a very good player, a very nice lady and contributed MANY hours of her time as a VOLUNTEER in support of the Unit and the Unit Game. Her name is listed on the website and a trophy bowl - 20 times as Female/Woman of the Year for Unit 218. She first won this award in 1987, then again in 1989 and continuously from 1991 to 2007 and again in 2009.

Reston Regional is coming up from July 1-July 7. David and Avril Rodney need GP's for B/C games and the 0-499er strats. If you are interested, give David or Avril your name and contact information, include your masterpoint total so they know where you can play, and dates you are available. They will contact you about WHEN you can be a GP. There are other places you can help with the Regional if you are interested. See any of the people who are Chairs for their area – they are Georgette Weiss, Hospitality; Dennis Schwanz or Susan Miskura for Prizes; Jay Simon or Mark Jones for Intermediate/Newcomer and Tournament Chairs Marty and Ross Bley, for help all around.

In closing, the President said she hoped you will consider helping us with one task or another. For any 'help' you give on a Thursday night, doing the food, teaching a lesson, being a GP, you will receive in addition to our thanks a 'free Play' to the Unit Game!

6:45 PM A Motion to Adjourn was made, and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.