#### Attendees

- Joe Hertz
- Jay Simon
- Ann Atcheson
- Kevin O'Brien
- Ron Kral
- Georgette Weiss
- Jason Carter
- Howard Stevens
- 1. Get the meeting started on time
- 2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
  - a. Joe has changes
  - b. Joe, to submit to change
  - c. Jay to add to minutes and submit for email approval
- 3. Treasurer report
  - a. SC game added \$294, so expect \$300 average

#### **Old Business**

- 4. Outreach Program
  - a. No progress,
  - b. consider this item closed,
  - c. Jason feels that it has helped
- 5. Braille cards

Joe, very little to update

- a. Not clear they know how to deal with Braille Cards
- 6. Reports, issues with distribution
  - a. Georgette getting all the reports
  - b. May look at creating alias name for treasurer
  - c. Jay not getting reports from ACBL
  - d. Joe following up with ACBL
  - e. Joe to create email aliases for president, vp, treasurer and secretary
- 7. "NLM/199er/499er
  - a. -Kevin to provide a list of programs in priority order"
  - b. 499er is not running
  - c. 199er is not running
  - d. Newcomer is not running
  - e. Supervised play is kind of running
    - i. Georgette sent invitation to Liz for Beth El

- ii. Not sure when that will be published
- f. people who show up get paired, sometimes with the unit director
- g. Jason, someone contact Marty who is connecting with Jason
- h. Kevin getting involved with chatGPT and AI

# 8. "Volunteers

- a. Any board member or committee chair who could use assistance should provide Georgette with a list of activities for which they could use volunteers to assist "
- b. Georgette will put out a sign-up sheet at the annual meeting
- c. Ron K: tried that previously and it didn't work. Ron advocates you must contact people face-to-face and ask them
- d. Joe: some people aren't comfortable making cold calls
- 9. Return to the Fold
  - a. 5+ points, Elapsed is 50-60 members
  - b. 0-5, 10-20 members
  - c. Anne: Unit need to hit the mid-level to maintain what funding we receive from ACBL
  - d. Georgette, all board members should be making calls
    - i. Jay: unclear how our unit is structured to make the calls
  - e. Jay: only way to drop off the list is either pay their dues and saying they quit/deceased
- 10. Contact M. Golias to ascertain her willingness to allow us to run the "Unitsponsored" game in a time slot similar to her game
  - a. "cleaning up" the club listing on the NVBA website
  - b. Jay advocates updating the NVBA.ORG
  - c. Ron will update with what we know
  - d. Kevin has paid sanction fees
  - e. people are showing up at games that are listed, but not being held
  - f. Ron advocates listing only active games
  - g. Jay, moved to remove inactive clubs from the web site
    - i. Moved and passed
- 11. "Learn Bridge in a Day on Monday July 1st at the Reston Regional
  - a. -status only, this NOT a Unit 218 issue, rather a District 6 issue"
    - i. Kevin talked to WBL, Becky Allen (Leslie's Scheffer's daughter),
    - ii. Kevin will be talking with Marty/Ross about running the program at July regional
    - iii. Georgette, how does "Learn Bridge in a Day "compare/conflict with "Bridge University"

- 1. Ron: not a conflict
- 2. Bridge University is more for people already familiar with bridge
- iv. Kevin hoping for July 1

# 12. Survey

- a. Kevin, would be the same survey as the one from 2015
- b. thinks we will find out
  - i. do they need transportation
  - ii. what games are running
- c. Georgette, duplication of effort
- d. Kevin, survey will not put fannies in seats
- e. Jay,
  - i. A lot of effort
    - 1. Want to repeat the
  - ii. Won't learn anything new
- f. Jay, motion to table for 6 months
- g. Absent George, vote was 3-2 in favor of tabling

### 13. Annual Meeting

- a. Annual meeting is May 23
- b. Georgette/Anne are discussing food
- c. What awards
  - i. Georgette—Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs
- d. Need sign up for dinner,
  - i. Will coordinate set up with Joe H
  - ii. Joe will set up a link
  - iii. Anne advocates it as a separate email
- e. Joe to arrange zoom

### 14. Elections

- a. Running for re-election
  - i. VP
  - ii. Anne
  - iii. Kevin
- b. Not running for re-election
  - i. John Wertman
  - ii. Eric P
- c. Unknown
  - i. Jamie
    - 1. Jay to call Jamie
  - ii. Candidates

- 1. Georgia Booker
  - a. Jay will contact
- 2. Brenda England
  - a. Ron Kral
- 3. Joia?

### 15. Sectional

- a. Kevin to follow up with Margot by Tuesday,
- b.

Introduce, not discuss, NEW ISSUES for the next Board meeting. Proponent to follow up with an email giving details which prepare members for a discussion at the next meeting.

- 16. Potential Problem member
  - a. Joe mentioned that we have a problem member
    - i. At sectional he complained about seating and posted on Bridge Winners
    - ii. Joe observed other Bridge Winners post
    - iii. Georgette spoke to him and gave him a warning
    - iv. Kevin, unit gets involved in STACs as well as unit and sectional

### 17. Kevin

- a. NVBA schedule, 2 October games are a pairs club appreciation and the other club appreciation team.
  - i. The team game should be called Leo Cardillo.
  - ii. Kevin suggesting making it an "8 is enough"
  - iii. Georgette, do we want to make it an 8 is enough
  - iv. Kevin "8 is enough" brings new players closer to established players
  - v. Anne votes no
  - vi. Ron, since we don't know the status of the unit game in 6 months, suggest we defer until July
- 18. Ron,
  - a. Would like to discuss the volunteer site
- 19. Anne.
  - a. LM/NLM is scheduled for June 6,
  - b. Joe will be running it
  - c. Publicize at sectional
- 20. Joe
  - a. Should he create an alias for other members

### 21. Beth El

- a. Anne, we're losing about \$400/week at the unit game
- b. Kevin, ACBL-BBO relationship may change. Current agreement expires July, 2025.
- c. Jason motion, extend until December 2025,
  - i. For, Joe, Jason, Georgette
  - ii. Against, Anne
  - iii. Abstain, Jay

d.

# 22. Kevin

- a. Nominating committee,
  - i. Suggest Howard
  - ii. Howard declined

# 23. Next meeting

- a. June 2,
- 24. Make sure that all Action Items taken during the meeting are captured and that new Issues go onto next meeting's Agenda

NOTE from Jay—action items are highlighted in yellow

25. Close the meeting