

## Minutes of January 26, 2025 NVBA (Online Zoom) Board Meeting

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Attendees (Highlighted in Yellow):

President: Georgette Weiss; Vice-President: Jay Simon; Treasurer: Ann Atcheson; Secretary: Hal Jones

Board Members: Georgia Booker; Jason Carter; Jamie Dahlberg; Terry Jones; Joe Hertz

Past President/

Unit Game Chief Director: Jim Gerding; Ron Kral, Howard Stevens; ACBL: President: Margot Hennings; Sectional Tournament Chair: Amy Brisson; Daniel Morgan; Lucy McCoy; Duncan Wainwright;

Time	Presenter/ Lead	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action(s)	Assigned To	Open/ Closed
9:30	Georgette	Call to Order				
9:31	Georgette Weiss	Approval of Minutes	Seek approval of Dec 15, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.	Moved and Seconded and Approved		Closed
9:33	Ann Atcheson	Treasurer's Report		Moved and Seconded and Approved		Closed

9:40	Jay	Review of Action Items	Unresolved action items in this meeting's agenda.			
	Amy/Margot	Feb Sectional	<p>Status of Feb 2025 Sectional</p> <p>Going forward with February Sectional as planned.</p> <p>Proposal to increase sandwich cost to \$11.</p> <p>Lucy will bring over the trophy.</p> <p>Elks increasing Sectional Rent to \$5000 from \$3400 after February Sectional.</p> <p>Will thus incur higher costs for remaining sectionals.</p>	<p>Announced that the Firehouse sandwiches price will be increased to \$11.</p> <p>Motion to remain at Elks for next two sectionals with entry fee increase to \$15.</p>	<p>Moved and Approved</p> <p>Ann to do a profit / loss projection for remaining sectionals.</p> <p>Anyone with suggestions for alternate sites to submit them for assessment.</p> <p>Amy to get</p>	

			<p>Currently have no plans to hold sectionals elsewhere. Checked with Mary Peters on SE game income and expect it to continue.</p> <p>Entry fee increase considered for subsequent sectionals. Will need to be decided and marketed.</p> <p>Jay recommends following Margo's recommendations to increase entry fee to \$15 starting in June.</p> <p>Defer decision on 2026 sectionals until after see results from remaining 2025 sectionals.</p> <p>Margot pointed out that we should make Elks decision early</p>		<p>short marketing piece to Daniel Morgan by tonight so he can include it in the email.</p> <p>Georgette to notify Ron Zucker of proposed fee increases.</p>	
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			and book by June for next year.			
9:43	Georgette	Club Liaison	<p>Still no volunteer for Club Liaison: Unclear of the impact for not having position filled.</p> <p>Position helps keep Ron informed about clubs and their schedules.</p>		Put sentence in email requesting volunteers	
10:00	Jay, et.al.	Unit Game	<p>Option 1: Stay at Beth El</p> <p>Option 2: St. Andrews</p> <p>Would have savings if moved to Beth El.</p> <p>Option 3: Elks</p> <p>Ann to assess Elks option.</p> <p>Unit game not profitable due to</p>	<p>Are we concerned about building security, let's stay with police.</p> <p>If not concerned, look into bring in our person to man the door.</p> <p>Duncan asked whether we</p>	<p>Georgette to confirm in writing that Beth El is OK if we replace the security / door monitoring position., to include the door monitoring job description.</p>	

			<p>security fee. Beth EI will allow us to man the doors instead of Alexandria Police.</p> <p>We pay Beth EI \$225 for Thursday night security. Rent: \$360.</p> <p>Joe has a friend who lives Beth EI to see if he is available to provide security.</p> <p>Our security rate has not increased since Beth EI started security.</p> <p>Let's ask Police what their procedures are if security is threatened?</p> <p>What is the job description for this person?</p>	<p>need liability insurance if we "employ" the door watcher.</p> <p>We have some liability insurance.</p> <p>Jamie concerned over liability coverage.</p> <p>Employee / Independent Contractor position consideration. Largely turns on who has control. Terry sounds like it's meets employee. Directors and caddies are classified as 1099.</p>	Jay to talk with police this coming Thursday.	
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			<p>No change in attendance when held Unit Games outside Beth El.</p> <p>Beth El interested in having us stay. Cost is half of table fees. \$5 of entry fee goes to Beth El.</p> <p>Beth El looking to go to a key fob system and having security requirement go away.</p> <p>Suggested 400-500. Ann got email that they will accept no less than 500 and we'll have to set up chairs and provide coffee and water.</p> <p>Elks also has an 11 PM closing issue. Elks has not allowed trusted people to have keys and also</p>			
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			<p>have to set the security codes.</p> <p>Looking at \$8000 savings if move to St. Andrews, but still would incur loss. Would have to discuss possible lowering of entry fee. Remember 1/2 of entry fee goes to St. Andrews.</p> <p>Amy has been added to the NVBA Management email.</p> <p>Jim says Unit Game normally totally done 5-10 minutes before 11PM.</p> <p>50 tables at Beth El are owned by NVBA. Assess the tables and add to Elks table to replace bad tables at Elks.</p>			
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			Jim has a good cabinet from Beth El after moved out of closet.			
10:47	Ron Kral	Newcomer Book	<p>Status: Has lots of stuff from Georgette that needs to be integrated.</p> <p>Eric is all out of former Newcomer Book.</p>		Ron to send info to Joe and Joe will integrate it into unit files.	
11:00	Marty	Beginners Coordinator	<p>Have not had a 0-99 game since Christmas.</p> <p>7 people at the lesson and had 2 tables at last Unit Game.</p>		Marty to draft promo and give to Daniel to be forwarded to approximately 400 NVBA	



			<p>Expect Marty's beginners to come again in February.</p> <p>Keith and Marty to continue with previously planned agenda on lessons.</p> <p>Marty will email to all those who have played in one of these games.</p> <p>Will decide on future of this game based on responses.</p> <p>Expects it to gradually increase as weather improves.</p> <p>Advertized as 0-99 game.</p> <p>Daniel has not included a targeted</p>		<p>players who have less than 100 mp.</p> <p>Duncan/Ron suggest if play twice</p>	
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			<p>email to just the about 400 NVBA.</p> <p>Duncan to discuss the companion online game status.</p> <p>Tried 699 game Have hardcore group of 10 players. Last two months ACBL has expanded it's game offerings.</p> <p>In long term, likely to bump along at 3-4 tables; may help to get these players to eventually start coming back to live games.</p> <p>Some of out players are not logging in as our players. ACBL games are \$1 cheaper and offer Silver points.</p>		<p>online by end of Feb, get March F2F online.</p> <p>Ron can track this from 699.</p>	
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			<p>Suggest allow players to play with Robot partners.</p> <p>Do we have a record of NVBA players playing in ACBL Clubhouse such that we can offer them something similarly?</p> <p>Do not have that information?</p> <p>Jamie withdraws the question.</p> <p>Thanks to Duncan for his efforts on this.</p>			
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10:35	Jason	Return to the Fold 5/5/5	<p>Jason HAS reached out to everyone on January list. Well Done.</p> <p>Has anyone heard from ACBL about funds they are to provide us from prior 5/5/5 tables?</p> <p>Joe to get some new members to beef up our numbers.</p>		<p>Georgette to reach out to ACBL and find out what's the status on 5/5/5 info. No info sent with check last two quarters.</p>	
11:08		New Business	<p>Introduce, do 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.</p>	<p>ACBL and BBO contract has changed or is about to change to eliminate BBO monopoly. ACBL now offering pigmented master points. NVBA should be getting something</p>	<p>Add to newsletter.</p> <p>Include "Sign-In" early so if get wanderers they will join our game instead of going elsewhere.</p>	

				<p>from online fees. Need those players to play face-to-face so we get a share of online fees.</p> <p>Joe questioning whether worth it to continue 0-699 online game.</p> <p>Use our game to get a free pass in face-to-face, then we'll get share of online fees.</p>		
11:40	Hal	Review New Action Items	.			
11:44	Georgette	Set Next Meeting Date	March 2			
11:450	Georgette	Adjourn				

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