

## Minutes of March 2, 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/ Marty Bley; Unit Game Chief Director: Jim Gerding; Publicity: Ron Kral, **Howard Stevens**; ACBL President: Margot Hennings; Sectional Tournament Chair: Amy Brisson; Weekly Email Production: Daniel Morgan; Newsletter Liaison and Editor: **Lucy McCoy**; **Duncan Wainwright**; Club Liaison: **Samriti Malik**

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 Jan 25, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.			Closed
9:33	Ann Atcheson	Treasurer's Report	Ann provided following files:		Ann to refigure budget based	

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Feb 2025 Sectional Draft Report</li> <li>2) Beth El vs St. Andrews Analysis</li> <li>3) Draft 2025 P&amp;L Budget 5K, Elks Rent &amp; St. Andrews</li> <li>4) Draft 2025 P&amp;L Budget 5K Elks Rent and Beth El UG</li> <li>5) 2025 5K Elks Fees, including Apr-Sep.</li> </ol> <p>Have made about \$1000 per sectional.</p> <p>The 218 players included the GNT teams. Had 194 teams from regular playing tables.</p>		on approved fee changes for sectional and unit games.	
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9:40	Jay	Review of Action Items	Unresolved action items included in this meeting's agenda.			
9:50	Jay, et. al.	Unit Game	<p>Jay talked to Police Officer: His recommendation if we provide security is to call 911 for major issue, or call police for minor issue.</p> <p>Still awaiting answer on whether Beth El. Would allow us to provide security.</p> <p>If move to St. Andrews, need 15 tables to break even. Typically getting 10-12 tables at Beth El.</p> <p>The Mon and Tues evening games also have low attendance.</p>	<p>3 Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cancel Thursday Evening Game</li> <li>2. Stay at Beth El.</li> <li>3. Move game to St. Andrews</li> </ol>	<p>Need to find out if we can store materials.</p> <p>Moved and seconded: Effective 1 April, increase fees to \$16 for open; \$ 9 for 5-99 mp newcomer game and \$2 if less than 5 mp.</p> <p>Reevaluate after 6 months.</p>	Motion Carries

			<p>Projecting \$13000 loss at Beth El and \$5000 loss at St. Andrews, a savings of \$8000.</p> <p>Possibility of more tables at St. Andrews.</p> <p>Side issue is what to do with the 75 tables we have at Beth El. Might be used to replace/supplement tables at Sectionals.</p> <p>About 30 tables at St. Andrews.</p> <p>Have a full closet with lots of stuff at Beth El.</p> <p>Current balance is about \$90000, Can last 6+ years before</p>		<p>Start announcing and explain the change by Mar 10 newsletter and announce at March 6 game.</p> <p>Jay to write up and distribute to board members today for edits.</p>	
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			<p>starting to go bankrupt.</p> <p>If get rid of unit game, can go back to 4 sectionals per year.</p> <p>Question: How much would we have to raise the price to keep Unit Game. Ann thought it was about \$16, assuming 14 tables, instead of the current \$12.</p> <p>Georgette thinks if move to St. Andrews would still have to raise game fee to about \$15</p> <p>Joe thinks we need a better product before we raise game fees.</p> <p>Beginners have a lower rate. If less</p>			
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			<p>than 5 mp, just pay \$2 Security Fee. If over 5 mp. Newcomers pay ½ of regular fees.</p> <p>Four board members have had discussions with St. Andrews. They would welcome us with open arms, as they have nothing else competing with night requirements.</p> <p>Giving out less free plays. Only free plays given out now are for a fill-in and 1<sup>st</sup> time visitors free play.</p> <p>Typically give free plays to winner of Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs.</p>			
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10:30	Samriti Malik	Club Liaison	Unit gets a certain number of Unit Championship Games. Have provided excess ones to club games. Check with Jim Gerding.		Jay to ask Jim if we have excess Championship Games if we can move them to some local games.	
10:35	Anne et.al.	Fees for Sectional		<p>Proposal to increase rate to \$15 for rest of 2025 and \$16 for 2026</p> <p>Or raise to \$16 and not charge extra dollar for rest of 2025 and 2026.</p> <p>Goal is for WBL and NVBA to be in sync for the fees. Raise to \$17 has not</p>	<p>Proposed and seconded:</p> <p>Effective with May/June Sectional raise fee to \$16 and don't still charge \$1 for Grass Roots.</p> <p>Action for Jay and Georgette to talk with WBL about our rate increase/</p>	Moved and Approved

				been on the table.		
10:47	Joe	Newcomer Book	Need to give examples of newcomer book to Georgette for her to submit a bio blurb.		<p>Action: Joe to send out blurbs to all board members and candidate board members.</p> <p>Due date March 23 for inputs to Joe.</p>	
11:00	Duncan / Joe	0-699er Game Status	<p>Thanks to Duncan and Joe on efforts for online 0-699er game.</p> <p>ACBL now offering silver/gold points for other competing online games.</p> <p>Do we just run games the two weeks that ACBL does not offer competing game.</p>	<p>Joe suggests continue running on days not in competition with ACBL games.</p> <p>Suggest use promotions for growing online game.</p>	<p>Approved to get a \$5 coupon the second time you play in the Unit Game.</p>	



			Or cancel the game. Have 2 ½ tables on average.	Get membership savings from SE Carolina.		
			Kevin Obrien has spent 20 years promoting NVBA and would like to be recognized.  Name the Alzeimers game for Kevin.  Annual Meeting on schedule. May 15:	Also get a certificate, and a free play, and name the Alzeimers' game the Kevin Obrien Longest Day Game.		
10.45		New Business	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			



