

**VBEA DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY12 , 2008**

PRESENT: Mary Margaret Hamlett, Bob Allard , Jane Latter, Tony Greene, Larry Hays, Terry Martin, and Barbara Schneider
Guests: Charlynn Foust and Coley McGinnis

Minutes from last meeting were sent to attendees and accepted as presented.

- **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- **\$11,818 was paid for city taxes - same amount as last year**

- **Three term investments will soon be due. Treasurer will investigate the best place to re-place these investments, however the income from this should be expected to be less this year due to the dwindling interest rates.-**

To increase revenue we can:

- a)**raise table fee - each additional dollar will net us about \$20K per year**

- b) **increase participation from members - if each member played 2 more times a month, this also would increase revenue by \$20K per year. Bob Allard will reconvene the committee to look at increasing the open players game on Tuesday evening.**

It was proposed by Tony Greene

seconded by Bob Allard and adopted unanimously to raise the table fee by one dollar effective September 1, 2008.

This information will be sent to all members as soon as possible.

- **Discussion ensued about other ways to advertise the club, ideas presented included asking Ms Cheap (The Tennessean) to highlight the VBEA in one of her columns, having a booth at the Southern Woman's Show or the Book Fair**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

committees were identified as follows:

299er Liaison Com - Charles Chase
Membership Com - Barbara Schneider (will include Partnership Com)

Site Com - Larry Hays
Fund Raising Com - Terry Martin
Volunteer Com (kitchen and building) - Caryll Schenker
Publicity - Peggy Harbors
Ethics (Ombudsman) - David Birnbaum
Club Manager - Doug Hirt

It was proposed and adopted unanimously to accept Caryll Schenker as Chair of the Volunteer Com.

We welcome these new chairs to our board and anticipate reports (if applicable) from their committees every 2nd month.

- Coley McGinnis presented the following suggestions to amend our charter:

Article VI, Nominations and Elections, Section D to read:

"No person serving on the nominating committee may be nominated for office by the committee."

Remove Article IV, Section E - "additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting providing there is consent from each nominee" and replace it with :

"Additional nominations may be made by a petition signed by 10 members in good standing and also by the signature of the nominee signifying his/her consent to serve if elected. Such petition must be posted at the VBEA playing facility at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting."

These two amendments were proposed by Larry Hays
seconded by Jane Latter and adopted
unanimously to be presented for adoption at an open meeting of all of the members of the VBEA in the next few months.

- Coley McGinnis discussed how we could get the games to start on time and also how we could even out the fields by placing an even mixture of different stratified players in the east/west and north/south seats.

Bob Allard will discuss with Linda Hanson how we could use a "white board" to assign seats to each stratification of players - this would be posted on the white board for each game.

Tony Greene agreed to work as the liaison with the game directors and share this information.

- SITE COMMITTEE

- Larry Hays met with Sylvia Graham (Board of Alumni Assoc) and tried to establish a connection with the LifeLong Learning Center at Vanderbilt. This may increase our chances of Vanderbilt renewing our lease as it falls into their strategic goals
- Larry has visited some potential sites and has seen a small drop in property prices.

- **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Charlynn Foust has agreed to assist Barbara Schneider on this Com. They presented a detailed handout (attached) to recognise 299ers when they achieve their milestones. This information comes from the ACBL each month. For members that have less than 50 points, they would get a free pass to a limited game and members that have more than 50 points would get a free pass to an open game, when they reach a milestone. Their picture would also be posted on a "membership board " in the club facility.

It was proposed by Mary Margaret Hamlett

seconded by Terry Martin that we accept this proposal and include all members of the VBEA that achieve a milestone.

- **FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

Ene Shields has agreed to serve as co-chair with Terry Martin

Next meeting will be on August 9th at 10:30 a.m.

Mary Margaret Hamlett
Acting - President

Jane Latter
Secretary