

**VBEA DIRECTORS MEETING
11 JULY 2009**

PRESENT: Larry Hays, Terry Martin, Charles Chase, Steve Juk, Louis Fontecchio, Mary Margaret Hamlett, Tony Greene, Caryll Schenker, and David Birnbaum.

Guests: Lynn Hallum, Carole Chase, and Kristina Juk.

MINUTES

Proposed by MM Hamlett and seconded by Terry Martin that minutes from 13 June, emailed to the Board, be accepted as read. Please note that Barbara Schneider accepted Jane Latter's request that Barbara fill Jane's position as secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Since the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the results of the growth committee's survey, there was no treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

The motion was made by Terry Martin and seconded by Charles Chase to accept Bob Allard's proposal for a prorated dues structure as follows:

1 November: \$20

1 February: \$10

NEW BUSINESS

Growth Committee Survey

Mary Margaret distributed the growth committee's survey and the executive summary. In looking at the summary of all 182 entries, the Board agreed that this summary is representative of the VBEA membership.

The Board recognized the need for a partnership coordinator and/or a guaranteed partner program. As the 299er games already have guaranteed partners in place, Terry Martin agreed

to work with the directors to establish a guaranteed partner program for the open games.

Zero Tolerance Policy

The Board voted in favor of instituting a zero tolerance policy at VBEA.

Limited Games

Charles Chase moved that the limit in Caryll Schenker's Wednesday AM game be changed from 0-299 to 0-499. David Birnbaum amended the motion to his running a parallel 299er game with his Monday open game. Also, Tom Ebers will run a 0-750 game Tuesday night, parallel to the existing 0-49 game. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it passed as stated. All changes must receive ACBL sanction.

Relocation

Larry Hays reported that he must know how to proceed financially with any imminent acquisition of a property. The Board gave Mary Margaret permission to talk with the bank regarding a loan of \$600,000. Brian Howard will be asked to pursue the 501C3 exemption for VBEA.

Steve Juk
President

Barbara Schneider
Secretary