

**Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society
General [Zoom] Meeting – June 17, 2021**

The general meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by president Sherry Ellis.

Approximately 29 members participated.

Business Meeting

Classes –

- * Melissa will be doing another Mask class in February. It will be released to the public Friday afternoon or Sunday. Melissa was going to debut something new with us but the materials never arrived.
- * We are still waiting for information from Miriam Shimon for NVBS classes.
- * Sherry Serafini will be presenting classes in December.
- * Cliff Swain Solomon will offer classes through Zoom.

Bead Retreats were mentioned, especially those done by teachers rather than through third parties.

A suggestion was made to offer techniques at a meeting rather than a particular project. NVBS is open to consideration of that kind of presentation at one or more of our meetings.

There are still location issues to be resolved. Meeting at someone's home is a possibility, however, there may not be anything large enough to enable social distancing.

Rooms have not yet been rented at the Vienna Community Center. They will open reservations for 3 months in advance. Diane will book for September.

September 9 will be the date of the September meeting. It may be a combination of both live and Zoom, depending on the quality of the internet connection.

There will be an open board meeting on August 18. Topics to be discussed include the future of NVBS, 2022 teachers, the fact that many teachers are teaching directly through their own devices rather than through Bead Societies or stores. Regarding future teachers and classes – we don't want classes that have been taught countless other times. There is a process covering contact with teachers and if there are classes and projects that we want to sponsor. Susan is currently the contact point for teachers. Members are more than welcome to suggest projects and/or teachers.

Other topics up for discussion –

Volunteers and how they can be utilized

Bylaws which are outdated – there are rules and regulations, there are committees for other functions, such as the bead show. The current board will help with updating the bylaws, but the main procedure will rest with new volunteers.

We need everyone with good ideas to step up in leadership. Members are encouraged to please attend this meeting if they want NVBS to continue.

Covid has changed everything; still to be determined are how NVBS will go forward, such as live and/or online gatherings. Next year's auction will be both live and online. Conducting meetings both live and by Zoom is a serious option, given that we have a number of non-local members. As far as in person meetings, room rentals will need to be arranged.

Our November meeting will also include elections for President and Secretary. As has been discussed previously, Diane will be stepping down as Treasurer.

Meeting

Melissa did a presentation on design and techniques, especially in reference to the upcoming Mask workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02.