

**Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society  
General [Zoom] Meeting – May 4 2023**

The general meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by president Sherry Ellis. The program/business meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Approximately 20 members participated.

**Business Meeting**

The next meeting will be June 1, again held by Zoom. Jayashree Paramesh will be our speaker. As of the meeting date, there was one opening for the Dancing Queen workshop. That spot was taken prior to the meeting end, and registration for Jay's classes was closed (for kit ordering, etc).

**Program**

Tonight was our annual fundraising auction. There was no other business to be discussed and the auction began promptly.

Donors were thanked.

There was a request to describe the auction and bid procedures.

Bids will be made in the chat. There will be door prizes, which will be awarded at random. If the value of an auction item is \$50 or lower, each successive bid must be in an increment of \$2 or more. If the value of an auction item is greater than \$50, each successive bid must be in an increment of \$5 or more.

Carrie Johnson was the contact for members who were unable to attend; those members were in direct communication with Carrie.

For the sake of clarity and for future auctions, the absentee process is listed below, at the end of this document.

There were 36 auction items and 11 door prizes. Some of the items were assemblages from items in the storage unit. Each assemblage bag was worth over \$100, but the average price was \$34. It may be determined at a later date if the work involved in putting these assemblages together was worth the effort. However, some storage space was opened up.

The auction brought in about \$1700. However, postage was approximately \$100, up from \$50 last year. There may be a discussion for future auctions regarding shipping fees and/or the weight of each assemblage.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm

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Absentee bidding procedure:

If NVBS wants to offer absentee bidding, this is what seems best, fair, and easiest for the Proxy Bidder. The auction items will be printed out before the meeting; the absentee bidder with the highest maximum bid will become the absentee bidder. Bids will be made via chat. Bidding will be done as normal, and once the maximum is reached, bidding will stop on their behalf. If more than 1 absentee voter bids on the same item, the Proxy Bidder will bid on behalf of the person who submitted the highest bid at the

earliest date/time. If there are two equally high bids, the person who submitted their absentee bids first will win.

It was suggested that the following be sent to members if the board wishes to offer absentee bidding.

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1. Absentee bids must be submitted to <Proxy Bidder> by 3pm on the day of the auction.

Email of <Proxy Bidder>

And/Or Text of <Proxy Bidder>

Subject line: NVBS Auction Absentee Bid - your name

2. List the item number of each item you would like to bid on with your MAXIMUM bid.

i.e. #3 beads - \$55

#11 kit - \$85

3. Your full contact information

Name:

Email:

Mailing Address:

4. NVBS will send you an invoice for any of the items you win which should be paid within 48 hours of receiving the invoice. The invoice will come through Square by email.

5. Bids may be changed up until 3pm on the day of auction. If there is a tie it will go to the person who submitted the highest bid first (date/time). First come, first serve. If you change your bid by 3pm the day of the auction, any bid you change will now be listed at the later date/time. This will only apply to the bids you change.

i.e. If you bid on 3 items on May 1st, then decide 2 days later that you would like to increase your maximum bid on one of those items, your bid for changed item will become May 3rd. The 2 items that were not changed will still be listed as May 1st.

Please text if you have sent in an email absentee request, or if have not heard that your request was received.