

Unit 531 Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2018

In attendance: Richard Gold, Joe Houde, Don Cooper, Lorraine Gordon, Gene Katz, Maria Marshall

President Gold called the meeting to order at 11:03.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the previous meeting require a correction to the April Unit game date. It was written as the 18th, but it is the 8th. Don will correct the online calendar and Lorraine will confirm that Ocean Hills is reserved for the correct date.

No treasurer's report was available.

November and December Unit Games were discussed further. Since there is a November Sectional, it was suggested that no Unit Game be held. Approved. The December 9th Unit game is still desired; the location has not been identified. Bridge Club of North County is proposed as a backup location. **Action to Maria** to determine the cost of BCNC for our December Unit Game. Further discussion was held of El Corazon or Carlsbad Senior Centers as a location. **Action to Maria** to work with Pat Hawkins to determine cost and availability of either or both of these locations not only for December Unit Game but for classes or other games. Also, there is a matter of insurance required by some locations. There is a need to determine whether ACBL provided insurance (such as for sectionals) can be used for this.

Rick talked to Darrell Diwell about possibly holding the proposed bridge classes prior to the Friday game at El Corazon. Darrell reported that the club used to hold classes and that the center's activities have now taken up that time frame, so the classes are no longer held. So that would not be feasible. Oceanside West has open classrooms on Mondays and Tuesdays that could be made available for classes after tax season, but cost needs to be determined first. It would be nice if the \$1 "deal" that someone negotiated (Ida?) for bridge could be achieved. (action to Maria from above)

Joe reported that his classes are proposed for 8 week segments, making the beginning class of 17 sessions last 2 8-week segments. The classes would be 2 hours- one hour of lecture, one hour of hands on. Three volunteers would be needed for the hands on hour. The volunteers would be able to attend class free. It is proposed that the first class of the beginner's classes be free; all other classes \$10. Course books are \$25 to cover cost. Unit to pick up fee for location. Joe would also like to present an advanced course on defense. This item is tabled until cost information on venues can be determined.

Maria suggested that we could ask some of our more experienced players to give 15 minutes chalk talks at our Unit Games while people are eating lunch. **Action to Maria** to ask Ida for her email list. **Action to Gene** to send out a survey on various topics for the chalk talks to get feedback from the unit members.

NEW BUSINESS

Lorraine will present Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs awards (certificates and medals) at the next Unit Game (April). Don will print award certificates on parchment.

Don will print 200 sectional flyer and request a small compensation for use of his printer. Suggests that the board do something for Ida since she prints out the flyers at her own expense and has them available at all the games and well as digital copies with results of games. **Action to Don** for printing.

Lorraine mentioned that two nearby units are distributing new membership roster books and suggested again that our unit consider this. She asked about pricing of membership roster. **Action to Lorraine** to determine pricing of the printing of a roster. After a brief discussion, Don said he would create a roster of current members for review. **Action to Don** to create the roster. Joe has a list of the district's membership from ACBL. **Action to Joe** to send the list (in spreadsheet form) to Lorraine and Don for their use. It was suggested that Colorado Bridge Ratings (be sure to "activate links") also be used for this.

Harvey's presentation to the board regarding the need for new bidding box inserts has been deferred to April's meeting.

The second Unit member to volunteer at the Hospitality Desk for the upcoming San Diego Regional was resolved with the agreement of Scott Nelson to assist.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Marshall

Acting Board Secretary