

Minutes of the Unit 531 Board

July 8, 2018

In attendance: Richard Gold, Gene Katz, Louise Manganelli, Maria Marshall

President Gold called the meeting to order at 11:07 am.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. No Treasurer's report was available.

Old Business

A possible Swiss Pairs game for a unit game was discussed. It would be run at one of our future unit games. Maria explained some of the logistical requirements for such a game: David White (ACBL director for oversight and instruction), software to set up and score the game (provided and instructed by David), director willing to learn the software, one set of 24 boards for every two tables. David also provides a board duplicating service. Action Maria: discuss running a Swiss Pairs game with Ida to gauge her sentiments; find out David's availability for dates of our upcoming unit games.

The cost of providing food at sectionals was discussed. It was decided to raise the price of lunches to \$6 from \$5. One dissenting vote. The volunteer voucher scheme was discussed. It was decided that a tiered voucher system be defined: one free play for each board member, one free play for 3-5 hours of work (such as set up/ tear down, providing one day of lunch), one free lunch for 1-2 hours of work (such as helping serve lunch, selling lunch tickets). The tournament chairman would be issued these vouchers prior to the tournament and would have the discretion to give them to the volunteers based on the amount of effort provided. It was also decided that we would not raise the NLM fee, as it is one of the few ways we currently have of encouraging newer members to play.

Rick asked the board members present if they would serve again. Gene answered affirmatively, but declined to continue as Tournament Chair; Louise answered that she did not need to be on the board again unless she was needed. Maria accepted the responsibility of Tournament Chair for next year, with Gene to help. The Board Members were asked to query other unit members to see anyone is interested in serving on the Board. Rick would like to hold the election in October this year.

New Business

A discussion on holding a Pro-Am game at the September unit game was discussed. Action Maria: Talk to the Escondido group about the Pro-Am game they had recently and see if there are any lessons learned or other input they can give us on the setup. Action Louise: Please find out if the Ocean Hills Country Club ball room is available for September 16th instead of the 9th (Irvine Regional).

Meeting Adjourned at 11:47 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Marshall, Acting Secretary