

American Contract Bridge League Unit 531

Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021 – via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by President Maria Marshall.

Board members present were Maria Marshall, Don Cooper, Jack Benoualid, Lance Malkind and Patricia Kell. Absent were Joan Labowe and Valerie Gwin. President Maria Marshall announced that board members elect Norm Schwartz, Carol Boyer, Jack Ackrell and Fran White were asked to attend the meeting.

President Maria Marshall announced the results of the October Election board members for the year beginning with January 2022 will be Patricia Kell, Don Cooper, Lance Malkind, Carol Boyer, Fran White, Norm Schwartz and Jack Ackrell.

An organizational session was held. Officers for the year beginning 2022 are:

President: Patricia Kell

Vice President: Carol Boyer

Secretary: Patricia Kell

Treasurer: Lance Malkind

NAOP/GNT/STAC Coordinator: Fran White

Membership Chair: Vacant

Hospitality: Valeria Gwin – Non-Voting

Webmaster: Don Cooper

Tournament Coordinator: Vacant

Recorder: Norm Schwartz/Fran White

Unit Manager: Patricia Kell

Pinola Coordinator: Jack Ackrell

The minutes for the January 2020 meeting were approved as written and may be published. A discussion regarding minutes for the February 2020 Board meeting was held. February minutes will be sent to board members for comments, additions, and deletions.

Treasurer Malkind submitted a written report: Unit 531 has \$2,986.0 in the Business Market Rate Savings; \$3,3,877.93 in the Checking Account and two-timed accounts with a combined value of \$14,800. Treasurer Malkind reported that he does not have access to information regarding the timed accounts, because of a failure to provide Wells Fargo Bank with a letter stating who is the official Treasurer of the Unit and a copy of the minutes showing official board members. A discussion was held regarding the required paperwork; President Maria Marshall and Treasurer Lance Malkind agreed to meet with the bank and former President Rick Gold to complete the required paperwork.

President Marshall reported the board had voted via e-mail not to hold the November 2021 sectional. President Marshall was informed that the Church was not taking reservations at this time. A new venue may be needed for the May 2022.

A motion by Lance Malkind, seconded by Norm Schwartz to require mask-wearing and proof of vaccination at all Unit Games was unanimously approved.

A motion by Patricia Kell, seconded by Don Cooper to send Board Members a list of e-mail addresses was unanimously approved. A discussion regarding the updating of the current membership was held. Included in the discussion was a need for members to complete a form with information stating it was permissible to published.

A motion was made by Patricia Kell and second by Jack Benoualid, to recognize and appoint Pat Hawkins as a Special Liaison of Board for duties which may from time-to-time be appointed to her was unanimously approved. It was also recognized that Anne Malkind from time to time performs special duties as directed by the Board.

The recent District 22 by-law revisions were discussed. It was determined that a statement that “nothing in Unit 531 by-laws shall supersede the revised District 22 By-Laws” will be sufficient until such time as the Unit 531 By-Laws can be reviewed. A unanimous consent was reached.

A discussion was held regarding the use of the City of Carlsbad facilities for Unit Games. It was recognized that the start time, 9:15 AM, for a Saturday Unit Game is a result of City staffing availability.

A discussion was held regarding the various fees charged in the past for Unit Games. 250/300 for facilities rental, 100 for directors, 80 for coffee service

A discussion was held regarding the ACBL Sanction for Unit Games. No decision was made. However, it was stated that the Treasurer was responsible for this action.

A motion was made by Carol Boyer, seconded by Norma Schwartz, and unanimously approved regarding the updating of the Membership Roster. It was determined that an effort to up-date the roster using a written form completed by members stating that their information could be published.

Fran White led a discussion regarding previously members of Unit 531 who were recruited away from the Unit by others. She is open to receiving any suggestions regarding ways/means of convincing those members to return to the Unit.

Jack Ackrell has agreed to assume the duties presently being performed by Jack Benoualid. Both gentlemen agreed to meet and exchange information.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted: Patricia Kell, Secretary

Maria Marshall, President