

Unit 531 Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2017

Present: Previous board members: Christine Denny, Lynn Wells

Current board members: Leon Fisher, Louise Manganelli, Mary Fenton, Joan Kroener, Richard Gold, Gene Katz, Lorraine Gordon

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 AM, January 8, 2017 by President Leon Fisher.

Old Business:

The minutes of December 4, 2016 meeting were approved.

The previous issue about zero tolerance violation was reviewed. Scott Nelson confirmed admonishment of the violating party. The aggrieved party, John Brohard, will be contacted by Louise Manganelli, to apprise the party of the board's actions.

The issue of the use of the multi-two diamond bid was reviewed. The directors have elected to allow the bid with pre-alerting and provision of the defense for the bid.

The financials were reviewed by Christine Denny, noting a neutral balance sheet, as desired for nonprofit status. It was decided to make a full inventory of assets including a storage shed, tables and chairs. It was voted to allow Christine to dispose of a nonfunctional printer previously owned by the unit. It was noted that the amendment to the bylaws will need to be incorporated into the full bylaws. This amendment reduced the board membership from ten to seven members.

New Business:

Decisions about duties for board members were made:

Leon Fisher is president.

Gene Katz is vice president and tournament director. He will be assisted in tournament, Stac, and GNT management by Richard Gold.

Joan Kroener is secretary.

Richard Gold is Education Director and will write the column for the Forum.

Lorraine Gordon is Recorder, Disciplinary Chair, and Membership Chair.

Mary Fenton will be in charge of Hospitality, with continued assistance from Janice Wells. Carol and Scott Nelson have offered to continue to assist with set up of the tables and food at the unit

games.

Christine Denny has kindly offered to continue as Treasurer as she has been very involved in setting up the new computer software to manage the unit finances. She will also file the unit tax return.

Don Cooper will be acting as webmaster. There was discussion about updating the membership data, possibly with addition of photos and contact data for unit members. Also there is a need to update the data base for new members and departing members.

Proposed for future discussion are several issues. One is how to encourage the non-life master group to join the ACBL and provide some incentive for them. A second issue is that of providing acknowledgment for achievements of unit members.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.