

# Unit 531 Board Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2017

President Rick Norton called the meeting to order at 11:08 am.

Present were: Rick Norton, Lorraine Gordon, Don Cooper, Mary Fenton, Joan Kroener, Louise Manganelli, and Steve Bruno.

Old Business: Meeting minutes and financials from the August meeting were not yet available.

New Business:

The Nationals will be in San Diego in late November. President Norton brought up the question of unit participation at the nationals. He will contact appropriate ACBL officials regarding any activities and come back to the board with further information.

The plans for the sectional tournament on November 10-11 were reviewed. Gene Katz was not present and he is the tournament chairman. Mary Fenton confirmed that the food arrangements are in place and that the unit has purchased new coolers which are now available. Lorraine Gordon will be selling lunch tickets.

President Norton informed the board of the existence of another bridge organization in San Diego called the ABA, located in El Cajon. The possibility of affiliation was discussed. In addition Louise Manganelli brought up possible recruitment of new unit members from a local Carlsbad bridge game. The option of subsidizing initiation fees for new unit members to the ACBL was discussed and approved.

President Norton raised a proposal to provide support from the unit as a nonprofit organization to the clubs within the unit. Harvey has proposed that the unit provide requested equipment for his club. Darrell has proposed support for advertising for the clubs. President Norton noted that cash support for the clubs is not possible legally. This will be further discussed with the various clubs. The possibility of further charitable donations to the unit was also discussed.

The next item of business discussed was the added position of recorder to the unit. Steve Bruno is fulfilling this role which is to mediate behavioral disputes. This would include interviewing players, talking with the director, and reviewing the hand record, where appropriate, and then reporting to the Disciplinary Chairman, Lorraine Gordon. There is a file kept on these reviews.

Mary Fenton next brought up a discussion of the role of the Hospitality Chairman and the large amount of time and work involved, as well as expense. The option of changing from a full lunch to snacks, dessert, and beverages at Unit games was discussed. Mary will be undertaking a poll of the unit members and this will again be reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned by President Norton at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Kroener, Secretary.