

American Contract Bridge League Unit 531

Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM by President Rick Gold.

Those board members present were: Rick Gold, Lance Malkind, Maria Marshal, Lorraine Gordon, Patricia Kell and Valeria Gwin; also attending Don Cooper. Gene Katz was absent.

The minutes for the February 10, 2019 were unanimously approved as written.

The treasury report for February, 2019 was discussed. Treasurer, Lance Malkind, reported the Money Market Account with a balance of \$19,879.55 and the Checking Account with a balance of \$4,954.00. Also, the February Unit Game was a net loss of \$17.73. President, Gold, requested a written copy of the Financial Report.

Status of finding a new venue for the Sectional was tabled. Maria Marshall reported she contacted the Church to confirm dates for the Sectionals. It was determined that the May dates were incorrect. The confirmed date for the May Sectional is May 10 & 11, 2019. The November dates were confirmed as previously reported. The new "Flyer" for the May Sectional was approved for distribution.

Details of the August 11th Swiss Teams "8 is Enough" was discussed. The Board unanimously agreed the brackets to be 0 – 1,000 C; 1,000 to 2,500 B; and 2,500+ A. Maria Marshall agreed to find a coordinator for the team pairings.

Maria Marshall reported she had spoken with the After School Program Coordinator at the Solana Beach Library. The Library is agreeable to a pilot program of one hour on Wednesday afternoon. Maria is looking for someone who lives closer to the venue to volunteer as the facilitator for the program. Lance Malkind opined that he would be interested. Maria stated that her goal was to encourage the participants to use the BBO site to play bridge.

The Board by unanimous vote approved reimbursing first time persons joining the ACBL through Unit 531 half of the first year fees. The first time member must complete a "Request for Reimbursement," form to be created/supplied by Lance Malkind after paying the ACBL required fee. First time membership will be confirmed prior to reimbursement of any first time one year fee.

John and Judy McCaffrey will be responsible for the Unit Game food in April, 2019.

The Board unanimously agreed that it would not sponsor a seminar by Robert Todd.

Maria Marsha reported that Ida Burcham has signed up for MAP. No other Unit 531 Director indicated interest in the program. The dead line for participating in the MAP program has expired.

Lorraine Gordon stated her responsibilities as Partnership Chairman were limited to Sectional Games only. All other partnership seekers should be referred to the designated Director of the individual games.

The Board unanimously agreed that a microphone should be purchased for use by members of the board and the director of unit and sectional games for announcements, etc. Lance Malkind was authorized to purchase said microphone.

The Board tabled a request from Harvey Goldstein regarding the purchase of additional bidding boxes for his game.

Respectfully submitted: Patricia Kell, Secretary

Rick Gold, President