

American Contract Bridge League Unit 531

Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM by President Maria Marshall

Those board members present were: Maria Marshall, Lance Malkind, Gene Katz, Lorraine Gordon, Valeria Gwinn and Patricia Kell. Also present were: Pat Hawkins and Don Cooper. Rick Gold was absent.

The minutes for May meeting were not approved.

The treasury report was approved as presented. The report showed \$1,685.53 in the Business Market Rate Savings, and \$14,000 in two timed CDs. The May Unit game had a net loss of \$137.38 and the June Unit game had a net loss of \$179.38. A motion was made, seconded and carried to increase the Unit games fees to \$10 beginning January, 2020. The Board discussed the possibility of moving the Unit game to Saturday. The Board questioned the cost of traveling directors. ACBL will be contacted to determine if a local director may be used for Unit sectionals. Treasurer Malkind reported that the Unit has purchased and Speaker for approximately \$40+ tax to be used for announcements at Unit functions.

Lance Malkind has agreed to serve as Vice-President. Becoming Vice-President/Treasurer of Unit 531, District 22 of the ACBL.

President Marshall informed the Board that Harvey Goldstein has refused the Unit's offered of 20 existing bidding boxes with inserts, stating that he wanted new inserts. The board discussed the various options available to resolve this issue. It was determined that Don Cooper would investigate the cost of new inserts and report back to the board. This issue has been tabled pending Don Cooper's report.

The Sectional loss by Rich Gold has been tabled.

Future sectionals has been tabled pending further discussions.

Pat Hawkins reported on the search for a new venue for the unit games, stating the San Marcos venue is out of the Unit's price range. She will continue the search for an acceptable venue. Pat also reported on the Friday game at El Corazon stating that she has spoken to Homer Post with the City of Oceanside regarding this matter. President Marshall will confer with the ACBL to determine if a change of Directors would be possible. The Board agreed that it was important to continue the Friday game.

President Marshall reported that the "Name Tag" effort is underway and the first order has been completed. Also, that Mary Fenton has agreed to continue the effort on behalf of the Unit. Each name tag will cost \$5.00 per tag; the vendor charge is \$6.99 less a 20% discount or approximately \$4.95 plus shipping.

President Marshall reported the "After School Bridge" for teenagers at the Solana Beach Library was discontinued for the summer. President Marshall opined that she would be unable to continue next year, due to relocating. An effort will be made to recruit a new volunteer for this program. Also, the library was pleased with the program and would like to continue.

The Board discussed if there were any new members as a result of the unit's offer to pay half of the membership fee. The offer will remain on the unit flyer.

The Board discussed the need to select an election committee and create a ballot for September voting. Lance Malkind agreed to ask Anne Malkind to chair this committee of three, one of whom could be a Board member. It was determined that Gene Katz and Lorraine Gordon terms were expiring. President Marshall polled Katz and Gordon to determine if they wished to remain on the Board. Gordon opined that she would continue if needed.

The August 11<sup>th</sup> "8 is Enough" event was discussed. Gene Katz volunteered to coordinate teams for the event. The point value for the participating members will be 3 points for A, 2 points for B and 1 point for C players.

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Respectfully Submitted: Patricia Kell, Secretary

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Maria Marshall, President