

American Contract Bridge League Unit 531

Board Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM by President Maria Marshall

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

The minutes for May and July, 2019 meetings were approved as written and may be published.

The treasury report was tabled pending receipt of further information from Ida Burcham regarding the cost of the July Unit Game. Treasurer Malkind presented a draft of a proposed letter to the ACBL regarding the cost of Directors for Sectional Games, requesting the Unit be allow to use local Directors for Sectionals. The Board by unanimous consent agreed to send the letter. The Board discussed the possibility of having Paul Darin as a local Director for 531 Sectionals. Also discussed; was the possibility of requesting specific Directors. Treasurer Malkind will make the necessary inquiries.

Pat Hawkins briefed the Board with reference to the search for a new venue for Unit Events, stating that her main focus at this time was ensuring that the Friday game is continued. Board member agreed that the Friday is a priority. Pat further stated that John does not have the necessary equipment for a game. He does have 18 Bridge pads. Ida would be willing to make the boards for a fee.

President Marshall reported that the November Sectional has been scheduled. And, that James would be requested to assist with the set-up and food pick up. President Marshall reported that she had e-mailed Unit 549 regarding a joint sectional and not received a replay.

The Board further discussed the request by Harvey Goldstein regarding inserts for bidding boxes. By unanimous consent the Board agreed not to purchase inserts nor financially contribute to the purchase of inserts for this game

President Marshall reported that the "Name Tag" effort is going well and Mary Fenton has assumed the duties regarding the purchase and distribution of "Name Tags"

The Board discussed the possibility of changing the Unit games to Saturday, hoping to attract more players. No decisions were made regarding this matter.

President Marshall reported the "After School Bridge" for teenagers at the Solana Beach Library will need to have a new coordinator as she is moving to Vista and will be out of reasonable traveling distance to continue her participation in this effort.

Anne Malkind, chairperson of the committee for selection of new board members reported that she has a list of potential members.

New Business: September Unit Game. Valeria Gwinn stated that Ocean Hills would not be available on Saturdays.

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Respectfully Submitted: Patricia Kell, Secretary

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Maria Marshall, President