

American Contract Bridge League Unit 531

Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 AM by President Maria Marshall

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

The minutes for the August, 2019 meeting were approved as written and may be published.

Pat Hawkins reported that a new complication has arisen regarding the Friday game at the El Corazon venue in that the City of Oceanside is asking for a two million bond. Pat stated that she has contacted a City Councilman regarding this matter, he has stated that he would look into the possibility of waiving the Bond require. Pat will keep the Board informed as things progress. Gene Katz reported that he was contacted by Darrell Diwell who requested that the Board gift a "Goodwill" stipen for his time spent creating the El Corazon Game. By unanimous consent the Board denied the request.

Treasurer Malkind reported the Unit has \$1,885.45 in the Business Market Rate Savings; \$1,396.45 in the Checking Account and in two time accounts with a combined value of \$14,150. The July Unit game loss - \$168.48 and the August Unit game loss - \$310.91. Copies of the ACBL guidelines regarding the use of a local director for Sectional Game was given to each Board member. Bank signing privileges were discussed.

Treasurer Malkind made three suggestions regarding losses being incurred by the Unit:

1. Use of a local directors for the Unit Sectional Games
2. A food budget be established for the Unit games - \$150
3. That members of the Board pay card fees for all unit events

The Harvey Goldstein request has been tabled. President Marshall stated she wanted to contact Harvey to find out why the gift of bidding boxes was unacceptable.

Unit Secretary Kell will create ballots for the October election to the Unit Board; those nominees are: Don Cooper, Jack Benoualid and Joan Lubowe.

President Marshall reported name tag sales are progressing and that Mary Fenton has stated it is a great success.

President Marshall reported the November Sectional inquires to the ACBL to use local directors will be made. Paul Darin is not available for November, but is interested in participating as Director in future games. The Board agreed that all local directors should be asked if they have any interest in directing a sectional if allowed by the ACBL.

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.

Lorraine Gordon stated she would be willing to create a unit roster for the Unit, Patricia Kell and Don Cooper agreed to assist. Lorraine stated she was concerned about the printing cost.

The Board unanimously agreed to lend Unit 549 tables and chairs for their Sectional Game. The Board agreed to use a "Consent Agenda" in the future.

Respectfully Submitted: Patricia Kell, Secretary

Maria Marshall, President