

American Contract Bridge League Unit 531

Board Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 AM by President Maria Marshall .

Those board members present were: Maria Marshall, Lance Malkind, Don Cooper, Joan Lubowe Jack Benoualid, Valerie Gwin and Patricia Kell.

The minutes for the December, 2019 meeting were approved as edited and may be published. A discussion was held regarding the archiving of Unit minutes and who may have copies of previous minutes. Don Cooper stated he could create a page on the Unit Web Site for this purpose.

Treasurer Malkind reported that Unit has \$685.72 in the Business Market Rate Savings; \$3,136.15 in the Checking Account and in two time accounts with a combined value of \$14,270. The December Unit game substained a net loss of \$85.61. President Marshall and Treasurer Malkind discussed the need for having Treasurer Malkind's name place on the banking accounts. President Marshall apprised the Board that two small coffee pots had been purchased, cost \$10 each, on behalf of the Unit for use by the Unit. President Marshall ask members for the donation of additional coffee pots to circumvent paying the \$75 surcharge for making coffee required by the game venue. A discussion was held regarding charitable giving by individuals in their Wills. Also, a donation box should be placed next to the coffee pot.

The next Unit Game will be held at Rancho Carlsbad on February 8th, game starting at 12:30. President Marshall created a "Hold Harmless Agreement" to be signed and given to the Malkinds regarding the use of the Rancho Carlsbad facility for the Unit Games. The Malkinds were given a signed copy of the agreement. A discussion was held regarding how to increase attendance at the Unit Games.

The Insurance Policy for Unit Games was discussed. President Marshall stated that the Unit has a Liability Policy which is being held by Treasurer Malkind and that she has a copy of said policy. Secretary Kell asked to see a copy of the Liability Insurance Policy.

No further information was available regarding a new venue search for the Unit Games. A discussion was held regarding allowing various existing games within the Unit to host "Unit Games" whereby Unit Games points could be awarded. Joan Lubowe to conduct a survey of each game director (Harvey Goldstein, Ida Burcham, Fran White and John Coulombe) to determine if there is any interest for hosting such games.

Jack Benoualid agreed to send out notices for the Unit and Sectional games.

Patricia Kell agreed to maintain the Unit Roster.

President Marshall inquired as to anyone having an interest in the Vice-Presidents position on the Board.

Don Cooper reported that he is continuing his efforts to up-date the Unit's web-site.

President Marshall informed the Board that she was working on a response to the Darryl Diwell e-mail. President Marshall stated that a draft of the response would be presented to the Board for review.

Meeting adjourned 11:50.

Respectfully Submitted: Patricia Kell, Secretary

Maria Marshall, President