



American Contract Bridge League, Unit 531
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:16 am by President Diana Cleary.

Present were: Diana Cleary, Christine Denny, John McCaffrey, Scott Nelson, Rick Norton, Afick Sharar, Charles Stoopack, Lynn Wells, and Rosie Zakarian. Wootsie Stockton was not present.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

The board welcomed new members, Charles Stoopack and Lynn Wells, who replaced retiring members Susie Anson and Carolyn Scerni. A brief background of Unit 531 was provided for the benefit of the new members.

President Diana Cleary advised the board that her ACBL membership has expired, and she did not intend to renew the membership. As such, she is no longer eligible to serve on the board in any capacity. The board thanked her for her service and she was excused.

Elections were held for the various board posts. Assignments were as follows:

President: Rick Norton
Vice-President: Scott Nelson
Treasurer: Rosie Zakarian
Secretary: Christine Denny
Tournament Coordinator: John McCaffrey
Discipline Chair: Lynn Wells
Hospitality Chair: Wootsie Stockton
Membership Chair: Charles Stoopack
Education Chair: Afick Sharar
Digital Communication Coordinator: Christine Denny
Webmaster: Jerry Jarvis (non-board member)

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The board discussed various options for locations to house our monthly Unit game. Due to pending construction at Ocean Hills Country Club (OHCC), the Hall is unavailable for the game. The alternate space proposed by OHCC was deemed unacceptable by the Board. John McCaffrey agreed to contact the Oceanside Senior Center to see if the location is available for the games scheduled during the OHCC construction.

It was noted that OHCC requires a full lunch be served when games are scheduled at this location. Diana Cleary provide lunch for the January 4 game at a cost of \$78. Rosie advised that the lunch expense for the November game was very high due to the expense of the smoked turkeys from Brett's BBQ. Louise spent \$159 for the lunch provided at the October game. It was suggested that perhaps the Board should

have a budget for the lunches provided at the games, and in fact, perhaps the Board should have an overall budget for the year that covers all anticipated revenue and expense.

John McCaffrey advised that the ACBL had approved the Unit moving our Fall Sectional Tournament to November, and our Non-Life Master (NLM) Game to October. This was well-received by the board, as attendance for the 2014 Fall Sectional was significantly reduced due to oppressive heat. The Board agreed that the Carlsbad Senior Center would again be used for the October NLM game. Scott Nelson agreed to contact the Carlsbad Senior Center to see if his Carlsbad residency could be used to reduce the venue usage fees.

The Board discussed the history of the Sunday Swiss game for the Unit Spring Sectional Tournament. With the closure of Esplanade Bridge Center, the Unit has not had a location to hold the Sunday game. Scott Nelson worked with Wirt Gilliam, owner of Adventures in Bridge (AIB), to see if this venue is available. Mr. Gilliam advised that, although the venue is available, the Spring date does conflict with the Unit 539 game. Scott Nelson then contacted the Unit 539 Board to see if accord could be reached. The Unit 539 Board agreed that we could hold our Swiss game at AIB on Sunday if we help offset the cost of the food. The Fall date is not in conflict.

The Board reviewed the current status of attempts to open a new bridge club in Unit 531's boundaries. While there is still general interest in this proposition, no tangible action is evident at this time. Decisions with regard to the Escondido Bridge Club may generate new momentum in this regard.

President Rick Norton adjourned the meeting at 12:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Denny
Secretary