



**American Contract Bridge League, Unit 531
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2015**

President Rick Norton called the meeting to order.

Present were: John McCaffrey, Scott Nelson, Rick Norton, Wootsie Stockton, Lynn Wells, and Rosie Zakarian.

The Treasurer's report and Secretary's minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Written bylaw changes to reduce the number of members on the board were presented by Rick to the board to read and comment on. No suggested changes. John has a reasonably complete list of 531 members and their email addresses and agreed to send a copy out to all via email. In addition, copies must be made available at the 531 clubs for review for some period of time before the vote.

[CD: I have attached the current Unit 531 roster from the ACBL with these minutes].

Discussion about a venue change for Unit 531 sectionals; one with air conditioning as this seems to be the main difficulty with our dwindling attendance. There were no viable alternatives proposed. John is still pursuing the possibility of installing air conditioning in the church on a shared cost arrangement, but nobody is very optimistic about this being a real solution.

Discussion regarding the Sunday team game of the Sectionals. It was decided that we would proceed to hold the team game this fall at the Oceanside senior center and if it didn't pay for itself this fall to drop down to a two day format and simply not hold the team game event at future sectionals.

Fee increase for unit games. A motion to increase the fees from \$8 to \$9 was made and seconded. The motion was defeated on a 5-1 vote.

New Business:

Stipend to support Luke and Jake Williams' trip to the Chicago NABC. It was moved and seconded that our unit donate \$250. The motion was passed on a 5-1 vote.

Lynn Wells related how the unit was going to try to use techsoup.org to secure the Quickbooks software for our 501(c) organization at a substantially reduced rate of \$45. This is in process.

President Rick Norton adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Wells obo Christine Denny
Secretary