

January Unit 531 Board Meeting

Unit 531 board meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Houde at 10:am January 2, 2018.

Present: Gene Katz, Lorraine Gordon, Louise Manganelli, and Christine Denny.

Minutes of the last meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Old business: Louise has obtained and confirmed all Unit dates except for the Months of Nov. and Dec.

Our Sectional Dates have been set for May 4th and fifth. The fees will be increased to \$12.00 per session in keeping with other sectionals. Also the NML Sectional will only be held once a year. The upper limit will be held to 500 points.

New Business: Jeanette Bentley has expressed that she does not want to be assistant food chairman without being a board member. Louise is trying to find a suitable solution as we do not want to increase the number of board members.

Board has concern about waning attendance in our games. Joe has proposed the following:

- A teaching program for beginners, intermediate and advanced players. Unit to help subsidize fees.
- Having a second Unit game monthly which could be a Pro-Am or 8 is enough Swiss.
- A unit Master Point game with first category of winning 24 points, second 16 points, and third being 8 points. It would be run monthly with suitable recognition.

It was discussed with Gene perhaps the emails to membership could be personalized with some interesting facts about members.

Louise suggested buying an ACBL membership for non-members if they attend a certain amount of games.

Lorraine will send "missing you cards" to persons that seem to have been absent from our games.

The suggestion of a new Membership Book was rejected as it was pointed out that the ACBL site provides the information.

The officer and duties list was finalized at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted: Lorraine Gordon