American Contract Bridge League Unit 531 Board Meeting Minutes February 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM by President Rick Gold.

Those board members present were: Lance Malkind, Lorraine Gordon, Gene Katz, Patricia Kell and Valeria Gwin.

The minutes for the January 6, 2019 were unanimously approved as written.

The treasury report for 2018 as submitted by Christine Denny was discussed and approved as submitted. It was determined that the Unit had an approximate loss of \$1,063 for the year 2018. The Unit received a check from the ACBL in the amount of \$343.63 which has been deposited into the Wells Fargo Unit Account. The Board unanimously approved the purchase of three 19 month Wells Fargo CD's in the amount of \$5,000. Each at an effective rate of 2.25%. The Board discussed getting rid of the automatic transfer of \$100 within the Wells Fargo accounts. Treasurer, Lance Malkind, stated he was creating an Excel Spread Sheet for the Unit financials.

Discussion of the August 11th Swiss Team event was tabled.

No discussion was made regarding contacting master point leaders to determine which games they play in.

Patricia Kell reported that Maria Marshall has been introduced to the Chief Librarian in Solana Beach. The Librarian has express an interested in working with Maria on an after school program to teach bridge to school age children.

A discussion was held on how to increase attendance and reduce the cost at the Unit and Sectional games. It was determined that NLM would pay \$6, those with over 100 Master Points will pay \$12, the same fee as everyone else. The cost of Lunch would remain the same.

Gene Katz reported that he continues to look into alternative venues for the Sectional as the Church has been unable to give a firm commitment for the November Sectional.

The Board determined by unanimous consent that the entry fee for beginning players attending Unit events would be \$5. It was determined that four tables of beginning players were attending the February 10th unit game.

The Board determine that further investigation into sponsoring a Robert Todd teaching event was needed. Lance Malkind volunteered to look into the matter.

It was determined that signing up for the MAP Program would need further discussion when Maria Marshall is available.

By unanimous agreement the Board determined that it would not award medals for the Mini-McKinney or Ace of Club events.

The Board discussed a request from Harvey Goldstein regarding the purchase of additional bidding boxes for his game. The decision of offering of offering inserts for bidding boxes was delayed until after the May Sectional. During the Sectional we will look at how many inserts we have see how many to give to Harvey