

## MINUTES

**Board Members  
Present**

Steve Goldstein, President  
Bill Dani, Treasurer  
Sally Tobin, Secretary  
Barbara Hopewell

William Stine, Vice President  
Bill Berke  
David Kane  
Jim Weeks.

**Member excused:** Nance Lodge

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Goldstein at 10:00 a.m.

### 2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the board meeting held on June 17, 2014, were read. A motion was made by David Kane to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Barbara Hopewell and unanimously approved.

### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Dani presented the monthly financials. The transactions included a \$100 donation to ACBL's Longest Day project. In the updated budget, a question arose regarding the \$3,000 allocated to further bridge education, which has not been used. Steve suggested we review the situation next month and that perhaps we should consider moving this amount to general surplus fund. There was also an amount of \$400, set aside for completing the Web Site turnover. Bill Berke said that was about right, he was waiting until "Black Friday" to make the final changes; this was the day when Go-Daddy's services were half-price. William Stine made a motion that we approve the Treasurer's Report, it was seconded by Bill Berke, and the motion carried.

Bill Dani then talked about a request he had received for financial information from Sherry McHarg. Sherry drew from this information in writing her second complaint to District 22. Bill's response is quoted here:

**Hi Sherry - I've gone through our records for what we have paid for rent for our Unit Games for the last several years. Before the games were held at the Duncan Bridge Center we were paying Mizell Senior Center over \$16/table for a total of \$3,350 the six games with 206 tables that we held there in 2010. This rent was only the use of the facility, tables, chairs and coffee.**

**In 2011 we paid Duncan \$2,904 for eight games held there in 2011 for \$11/table with 264 tables. This includes the facility, tables, chairs, BridgeMates, bidding boxes, coffee and all bridge supplies;**

**In 2012 we paid Duncan \$2,128.50 for seven games held there in 2012 for \$11/table with 191.5 tables;**

In 2013 we paid Duncan \$2,167.25 for nine games held there in 2013 for 12.11/table with 179 tables;

In 2014 through June we paid Duncan \$1,756.25 for five games held there in 2014 through June for \$12.50/table with 140.5 tables.

We have paid Cathedral City Senior Community Center \$7/table for the Unit games held there in 2013 and 2014. No games were held there in 2011 and 2012. The total tables were 69.5 in 2013 for \$497 and 18 in 2014 to date for \$126. This includes the use of the facility, tables, chairs and coffee.

The Fall Bash in 2010 held at the Westin we were charged \$3,000 for facility rent and coffee for 250 tables which is \$12/table plus we paid additional amounts for their catering. We also paid an additional \$1.80/table for tables and supplies from Ken Dischner and \$.23/table for the BridgeMates supplied by the ACBL. Total per table cost was \$14.03/table.

The Fall Sectional held at the Duncan Bridge Center had 349 tables. Duncan was paid \$10/table including table rent and supplies, BridgeMates (ACBL charges us for their use when they supply them), coffee and water, and facility rent.

The Spring Sectional held at the PS Convention Center cost the Unit –

For 2013 – facility rent and water and coffee \$5,331, table and supplies \$913 and for BridgeMates \$157. There were 507 tables for a per table cost of \$12.63/table.

For 2014 – There was no charge for facility rent in 2014 – the PS Convention Center over-booked the area that we were scheduled for and they relocated us to a different location. We only paid \$2,760 for equipment rent, coffee and water. We paid \$800 for tables and supplies and \$108 for BridgeMates. There were 443 tables for a per table cost of \$8.28/table.

Storage Rent: The Unit was paying Public Storage \$68/ month for the storage unit in Rancho Mirage.

We are paying the Coachella Bridge Foundation \$50/month for the dedicated locked space (closet) at the Duncan Bridge Center. This began in February of 2014.

I hope this covers the information you requested from me on July 3, 2014.

Thanks, Bill Dani, Treasurer Unit 533

#### **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a) **Ad Hoc Committee to Recommend Bylaw Changes:** David Kane reported on the latest meeting and presented the committee's proposed changes. Steve suggested that he board review the proposals during the next couple of weeks, so that we can discuss each change in detail, before voting on them at next month's board meeting. There was a further discussion about process and notice issues for the next annual meeting. Several issues need clarification given the ambiguities in the decision handed down from the District re Sherry McHarg's complaint. Steve will follow up with Lesley Davis.

There was further discussion about where to hold our next Annual Meeting. Bill Dani talked about the possibility of using the ballroom at Sun City in 2016, if we commit early enough. However, it was not available for our upcoming election this coming January, 2015. According to Bill, the catering costs at Sun City would be approximately \$3,000. The date for the Annual Election was set for Monday, January 12, 2015, at the Duncan Bridge Center.

**b) Web-Site:** Bill Berke was happy to report that the mass emailings he is sending out on behalf of the board are being opened by more and more people each month (so far, more than 200). He suggested publicizing new promotions this way, also. Bill noted that Nancy Erickson suggested we post the District 22's decision regarding Sherry McHarg's complaint on the Web Site. The board agreed and Steve suggested that we add Sherry's second complaint, as well. Bill said he would make both of these available through "hot links" on our Web Site.

**c) Unit Games:** The next Unit game is August 3rd. William Stine and David Kane will take care of the food; Sally and Nance will clean up. There was a discussion about the attendance and whether the "free play" offers were encouraging people to attend. We need to start computing the attendance after the game to ascertain who will get the free plays in September.

Jim reported on the remainder of the Unit games planned for the year. There was a discussion about canceling the mid-week one planned for December 7th, however it was noted that it was just a regular game time, and should stay since we have the sanction, and the board is not involved. Jim stated that the 299 Sectional is set for February 14/15, 2015 at Duncan.

There followed a discussion about dates for our Holiday Game. William will talk to Marie about combining forces for this event and ask if she would help Jamie run the 299-er game. The date was set for December 15th. Again, Sun City - as a possible location - was brought up, but we need to arrange the date way in advance to secure a place there, especially over the holiday season. Bill thought it could be prohibitively expensive. Steve said we should look into it for next year and asked Bill to "run the numbers". Then a question came up that, if the Unit subsidized the event at a neutral site, would Duncan go dark? Steve will follow up with Duncan.

**d) Fall Sectional:** David agreed to take over the arrangements for the Sectional in November. Bill Dani said he had a check list of items to be followed and that he would email this to David. The agreement with Duncan for the use of their facilities has been completed; Bill Dani asked for a copy of the Facilities Rental Agreement with DBC, for his files. Sally brought up the need to start early with advertising in the Forum, as we were too late last year.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The board went into an executive session.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Las Vegas Nationals:** There was a discussion about the latest ACBL National tournament in Las Vegas. Barbara and Sally reported on the great success of the ACBL Youth Program due to the wonderful work done by Nancy Erickson and her team of volunteers from our Unit. Kudos to Nancy Erickson.

**7. DATE & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will take place at Barbara Hopewell's house off Cook Street, on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Steve will be out of the country; Barbara will run the meeting in his stead. We will also vote on the election of officers for District 22. Sally stated that she should have the ballots by then.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:50 a.m. a motion was made by Sally that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Bill Dani and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted

Sally A. Tobin  
Secretary, Unit 533