

## MINUTES

**Board Members****Present**

Steve Goldstein, President

Bill Dani, Treasurer

Sally Tobin, Secretary

Nance Lodge

Jim Weeks.

Bill Berke

David Kane

Barbara Hopewell

**Member excused:** William Stine, Vice President**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President, Steve Goldstein at 10:35 a.m.

**2. MINUTES:**

The minutes of the board meeting held on May 22, 2014, were read. A motion was made by Bill Dani to accept the minutes as read, the motion was seconded by Bill Berke and unanimously approved.

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bill Dani presented the monthly financials, which included the transactions for the past month and an updated budget. Bill Dani mentioned that he still had not received any bills for reimbursement of sanction fees from the mid-week unit games and wondered if we need to alert the directors of those games that a reimbursement was available. Bill Berke said that he would email the directors accordingly. In the updated budget Bill pointed out that he had included \$100.00 for a donation to the ACBL's Longest Day charity (which we are making in lieu of participation), also \$250 for projected web-site expenses, and monies for advertising the Fall Sectional. After discussion, it was decided that the Sectional flyer should be ready by August for publication in the Forum. Bill then passed out a draft of the flyers he had prepared for both the fall and the spring of 2015, noting that we needed to add the names of those who were going to be in charge of hospitality and partnership. Barbara & Sally offered to handle the hospitality desk, and Jim said he had already spoken to Carol Wilkinson, who had agreed to manage the partnership desk for both the fall and the spring Sectional. Jim Weeks then made a motion that we approve the Treasurer's Report, it was seconded by Sally and the motion carried.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a) Ad Hoc Committee to Recommend Bylaw Changes:** David Kane reported that the meetings had gone well so far. The committee was moving forward with the changes and proposals, and could possibly be completed at the scheduled meeting next week. In the meantime, Sherry's complaint has been referred to the Ethic's Committee at the District level, and they will render a decision as to whether or not we had an official meeting/election last January. If the decision is that we did not, then the by-law changes will have to be rescinded. There followed a discussion about holding board meetings in a public place, such as a library so that more people could attend. Another question came up about holding our Annual

Meeting and/or Awards Game at a Country Club. Bill Dani talked about Sun City and mentioned various cost incurred, with catering, etc. The consensus was that it would be prohibitively expensive and, in the interest of the whole membership, we were better off holding these events at the Duncan facility.

**b) Web-Site - Player Directory:** Bill Berke said that it will require a lot a programming to institute a players list that will go online. Even with a player's permission, activating a password-controlled site is complicated and costly. In the meantime, it appears that Marilyn Loesberg is making up a list of players with their telephone numbers; she is allowing anyone in the bridge community to add their name to it. Steve made a motion that we contact Marilyn and ask how and if we can help. Jim Weeks seconded the motion and it carried. Nance said she would talk to Marilyn and find out if she is interested in the board's help.

**c) Unit Games:** The next Unit game is July 6th. Nance and William will take care of the food and Sally and Bill will help clean up. There was a discussion regarding croissants vs wraps, and the quantity vs the expected attendance.

Jim then went over the schedule for Unit Games for the rest of the year; there was a discussion about additional mid-week unit games being made available to the directors. Jim will set up a schedule for next year, for twice a month and perhaps include a Saturday Unit game. The Holiday Party was set for December 7th.

**d) New Member Welcoming Program:** There has been little feedback, and the response to the packages that had been mailed out has been very lackluster. Jim's response was "So what?" Who are we doing this for? It was his opinion that If we are doing for our new members, then we should continue doing so without expecting a response.

**e) Spring Sectional:** Bill handed out a copy of the flyer for the spring Sectional in Palm Springs, and noted that he needed the name of the Tournament Manager before it goes to print. Nance suggested asking Terry Cox. Terry is in charge of the Caddies at the tournament, and as he is present at the event everyday, perhaps he would agree to be the overall Manager. Barbara suggested that perhaps Vicki would co-chair with him. Nance will follow up. The question came up about a host hotel, but as this is very difficult in the high season in Palm Springs, to find a hotel that will give discounts, it was decided that we do away with that idea as far as the brochure was concerned. As soon as the flyer is completed, Bill Dani will sent the it to Scott for ACBL approval.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The board went into an executive session to discuss rotating members of the Disciplinary Committee, and the upcoming election of officers at the District level.

## **6. DATE & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will take place at Barbara Hopewell's house off Cook Street, on Thursday, July 31st, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:45 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