

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Steve Goldstein, President	William Stine, Vice President
Bill Dani, Treasurer	Bill Berke
Sally Tobin, Secretary	David Kane
Nance Lodge	Barbara Hopewell

Board Member Excused: Jim Weeks.

Invited Guest: Dennis Sapire

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, William Stine at 9:40 a.m. Steve Goldstein had been unavoidably detained and asked William to conduct the meeting in his stead. Also present at the table, was Dennis Sapire who was attending the meeting to represent the Election Committee. William asked Dennis to speak first.

Dennis introduced himself as a lawyer and a mediator who had had years of experience mediating various conflicts. He handed out a draft of a proposal that he thought would perhaps ease the tension between Sherry McHarg and the Board regarding, the quorum and amendment issues with which Sherry was concerned. However, it was noted that as the matter is now in the hands of the District board, Dennis's proposal was not acceptable. The board thanked Dennis for his input. After Dennis left, the meeting resumed.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the board meeting held on April 23, 2014, were read. There was a suggestion made that they be amended to include information about an upcoming NLM tournament, which had been omitted. A motion was then made by David Kane to accept the minutes as amended, it was seconded by Barbara Hopewell 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. He noted that the room deposit for the Palm Springs Convention Center for next year's Spring Sectional has been made. Bill also stated that May's receipts for the latest Unit game were lower than in previous years. He thought that advertising might be the problem. There was a discussion about various ways to correct this. Flyers at various clubs, email blasts, etc. Bill Berke said he would do an email blast for the Unit game in June. Sally made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, it was seconded by David Kane and approved by all.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Web Site Status:

There have been several requests to continue the Unit's mailing/phone list on the Web Site. There was a discussion about the legalities involved, privacy issues etc. Bill Berke said that he had been advised not to include anyone's personal information on our web site. However, as so many people were interested in having some sort of contact list available, David and Bill said

they would work together to research the matter online. Perhaps, they can find a legal opinion that would allow the board to give out such information if a player gives his permission ahead of time.

b) Unit Games: In light of falling attendance, there was a discussion about holding our monthly Unit Games on a different day, perhaps Saturdays instead of Sundays. Also, a suggestion was made that maybe we should include a 49er group as we have so many new players. Steve made a motion that Jim Weeks look into these possibilities for next year. The motion was seconded by Bill Berke and unanimously approved.

c) New Members: Barbara had nothing new to report. So far she has sent out about 80 "new-member" packages. Sally mentioned that she will get in touch with Jane Patchett and Jamie try to get feedback from the newer players.

d) Education Committee: Nance said there was nothing new to report.

e) Fall Sectional: Bill Dani handed out a copy of the flyer that had been done for last year's November Sectional. He asked if there were any changes that should be implemented for this year. Bill was reminded that we are adding a 49er game on Saturday morning only (November 15th) for a fee of \$5:00. There was a discussion about eliminating lunch on Sunday. Bill will contact Jim Weeks shortly, to go over the game schedule. Bill Berke said he has the template and will clean up the flyer, before returning it to Bill Dani so that it can be sent to the ACBL for publication.

f) Annual Meeting/Awards Game: There was a discussion about combining these two events next year, but it really depends on how and when the by-laws will be changed. There followed a discussion of the ACBL by-laws and mention was made of the recent meeting held by the newly-formed committee which is reviewing the Unit's by-laws. Steve quoted five examples of ambiguity/inconsistency that are being presented to the committee. Steve is preparing a report of the meeting to each committee member; the next committee meeting is set for June 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Palm Springs.

g) Non-Life Master Sectional - February 2014:

Bill Dani brought up the NLM tournament which the board is planning for next spring. Bill said he had applied for a sanction for this event on February 13th & 14th of next year. However, these dates were apparently not the ones originally considered, so Bill will get in touch with the ACBL and correct the dates to February 14th & 15th, 2014.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Unit Game - June 1st. Steve and William will organize the food. William said he would ask Marie if she is available to help Jamie - although it was mentioned that perhaps the turn-out would be small enough not to warrant any extra help.

b) November Sectional/Agreement: Bill Dani distributed a draft for an agreement that he had drawn up with Duncan for the Sectional in the fall. It basically follows the one we had agreed to last year. There was a discussion about the lighting in the rear parking lot. There were

complaints last year that it was extremely dark, and a request was made that the landlord be asked to turn on the lights, or change the timer, so that lighting in the parking lot is available for our players when they go home in the evening.

c) Disciplinary Committee: Nance Lodge made a comment about the Disciplinary Committee. She suggested that members of the committee be rotated more frequently to insure proportionate representation. Steve agreed, stating that he would approach the committee regarding this matter, after the current issues have been settled.

6. DATE & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place at Barbara Hopewell's house off Cook Street, on Tuesday, June 17th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:05 a.m. a motion was made by Sally that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Barbara and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted

Sally A. Tobin
Secretary, Unit 533