

MINUTES

Board Members**Present**

Steve Goldstein, President

Bill Dani, Treasurer

Sally Tobin, Secretary

Nance Lodge

William Stine

Bill Berke

David Kane

Jim Weeks

Barbara Hopewell

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Steve Goldstein at 9:30 a.m.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the board meeting held on August 17th, were read. A motion was made by Bill Berke to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Nance Lodge and unanimously approved.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Dani presented the monthly financials. Our current balance stands at \$26,292.16. Bill Dani then presented an itemized list showing deposits and outlays, pointing out that we had recently received a check from the ACBL for \$1,481.90 which represented the Unit's share of membership dues during the past six month. The schedule of unit games showed that September's game had run at a loss of \$559.77 due in part to the 18 free-plays that had been given out to those players attending all summer unit games, and the October Unit game had a loss of \$246.84, even though the table count was similar to last year's. Steve pointed out that the board is currently spending more on food for our unit games, than in previous years. David Kane made a motion that we approve the Treasurer's Report, it was seconded by Nance Lodge, and the motion carried.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Ad Hoc Committee to Recommend Bylaw Changes: David Kane handed out to the board a synopsis of the Bylaws Revisions. The Board approved all of the changes and included a few additional ones. There was a lengthy discussion on the relative importance of each item and how to proceed with presenting the proposed changes to the membership at the next annual meeting - whether all at once or in two separate efforts. David proposed that for the upcoming Annual Meeting only, those items pertaining to changing the 10% to "60-members-in-good-standing" requirements; clarifying that absentee ballots be available for quorum and bylaws changes purposes; and clarifying "notice requirements" be the only ones presented to the membership for vote. The Board agreed that it would be a lot less cumbersome and easier for players to follow, this way. Bill Dani made a motion for David to draft a resolution to that effect. Barbara Hopewell seconded, and the motion was carried.

b) Annual Meeting: There was a discussion about how to go about the Annual Meeting in January. It was set for Monday, January 26th in order to give the board sufficient time necessary to satisfy all notice requirements relating to the proposed changes. The discussion

then led to the Bylaws Revisions and how best to give notice to the membership - whether by a mass mailing and/or posting at our various clubs; or, whether posting the proposed revisions on the web would be sufficient. The idea of providing transportation to the meeting was brought up; if it was necessary and, if so, where and when it would be available.

c) Web Site Status: Bill Berke had nothing new to report; the site seems to be running smoothly. As it had been suggested that the board form an Ad Hoc Publicity/Communications committee, Steve stated that he had asked Tom Lund to join Bill Berke in heading up that committee. Tom will be the co-Web Master with Bill.

d) Unit Games: Jim Weeks went over the schedule for the regular monthly Unit Games, and also the additional mid-week games that had been offered to club directors, which the Unit will not participate (in as far as the food is concerned). The 499 Sectional schedule for February 15 & 16, 2015, is being run by Duncan.

e) Fall Sectional: The idea of asking members to bake/bring cookies was brought up. However, it was suggested that we not focus so heavily on sweets, but offer more veggies and perhaps a dip for snacking. We can buy these at Costco's along with some cookies, so the board agreed not to ask the membership to bring any.

Bill Dani mentioned that he would confirm the arrangements for caddies, as well as the ACBL crew, (Scott and maybe another director?) and get back to the board next month. As far as the caddies were concerned, we need to know that they will be available to help set up on Thursday evening, and help clean up on Sunday. Bill said that Saturday morning we would probably need extra tables - we need to talk to Duncan about that.

A question was asked about the stanchions and where they will be placed. Steve then mentioned that he had been asked about a cork board for the partnership table, and had agreed that Darryl Hendershot buy one on the Unit's behalf. Steve also checked on the lighting in the back parking lot and was told that this would not be a problem as it had been last year. The hospitality and partnership tables resulted in too much crowding in the front hallway, last year - we need to rethink the placing of these. There was a discussion about parking and handicap spaces - we need some caddies or volunteers to police the handicap spaces on the side.

f) Holiday Game: The Unit's Holiday Game will be held on December 7th. The board has ascertained that it will be too difficult to arrange in public place other than at our clubs. Jim Weeks has been looking into it.

g) New Members/Education: Nance reported that she has received requests from two instructors who have committed to giving beginner bridge lessons next season, Marjean Larson and Mimi David. There was a discussion about the proposal Nance had drawn up and how much money was being spent. Nance reported that she was keeping a roster, so that they won't be any repeat requests. If the allotted \$3,000 runs out, the board has agreed to revisit the situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Disciplinary committee meeting feedback

Executive Session

b) Election/Nominating Committees: Steve asked the Board for suggestions for appointees to the Nominating and Election Committees. Several names were suggested and William said he would follow up and report back to the board next month. Bill Berke said he will post a notice on our Web site asking for interested parties to make themselves known to a Board Member, or via email on the Web page.

c) District 22 Election: Steve passed out the ballots for the District 22 election. Everyone signed and dated their ballots. The ballots were placed back inside the FedEx return envelope ready to be mailed back to the District Election Committee. William will take care of sending them back.

7. DATE & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place at David Kane's house off Cook Street, on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:15 p.m. a motion was made by Nance that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Bill Berke and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted

Sally A. Tobin
Secretary, Unit 533