

MINUTES

Board Members present: Nance Lodge
Bill Dani
David Kane
Bill Berke

Willam Stine
Jane Wittous
Darryl Hendershot
Jim Weeks

Unit Members present: Beverly Hartin
Ron Erickson
Scott Magged

Nancy Erickson
Don Freeland

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was held at the Duncan Bridge Center, and was called to order by Nance at 9:30.
2. **UNIT MEMBERS PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:** None.
3. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the meeting held on October 7, 2015 were read and approved by unanimous vote.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Dani handed out copies of the financials for the past month, and presented the Treasurer's report. Bill explained the ACBL reimbursement process, pointing out that encouraging snowbirds to reflect their membership in the Unit when they were in the desert was advantageous from a financial viewpoint to the Unit. Bill showed that the Unit's cash balance was \$22,231. A motion to approve the report was passed unanimously.
5. **WEBSITE:** It was noted there was a fix necessary on the Special Games page.
6. **UPCOMING SECTIONAL:** Discussion on how to put pictures up on GoDaddy vs. directly (or use a link) – Bill Berke to investigate. An offer by Don Freeland to transpose game results to the Unit website for \$200 was rejected, but instructions on how to receive Fast Results by direct email will be posted. Darryl explained why efforts at a reservation system, even though well intentioned, had been a disaster, and all agreed no reservation tickets would be handed out, rather the honor system would apply. David agreed to check with the Palm Desert City Hall to try to get a code enforcement relaxation for curb parking on Gerald Ford. Scott Magged reported all details were pretty well set, although additional chairs might be needed. A suggestion to use mylar balloons instead of stanchions to identify section areas was well received. Raffles for free plays to encourage carpooling will be held.
7. **UNIT GAMES:** The December Unit game on Dec. 6 will also be the holiday party. Food from Mario's and a maximum of three gift baskets to raffle off.
8. **FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:** A motion to approve future meetings at DBC was passed 5-0 with two abstentions (Bill Dani and William), Nance not voting. We will have to check availability dates with CVBF.
9. **NLM REGIONAL:** Board members will be expected to help with setup and caddyng. No permit for food necessary as food will be purchased already

- prepared and no food will be prepared at the Pavilion. A letter to the ACBL re Gold Members should be sent by 11/15 – Nancy Erickson to prepare.
- 10. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Jane reported that so far five candidates (Mack Beckett, Connie Swanson, Stan Snyder, Charles Rhea and Susan Tracy) had indicated their interest by completing applications. It was noted that the committee slate must be finalized by December 1 to give the Unit enough time to prepare and distribute annual meeting notices in a timely manner.
- 11. ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATION REPORT:** David reported that bylaw ballots had been prepared and were ready to go. Nance Erickson distributed a process timeline. Director ballots, applicants' bios and pictures and preparation of the annual meeting notice itself, which can be given in several ways according to the last bylaws changes, remained to be done but were in hand.
- 12. NEW BUSINESS:** It was agreed in principle that Memorial Games, funded by requesting members, were acceptable, and that requests for same should be reviewed by the Board.
- 13. NEXT MEETING:** Friday December 4, 9:00 a.m. at DBC.
- 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board retired into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kane, Secretary