

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

William Stine	
Nance Lodge	Carol Wilkinson
Jane Witous	Shirley Gibson
Sandy Hertz	Connie Swanson
Nancy Beckerman	

Also present: Sally Tobin, secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at the Cathedral City Senior Center by President William Stine at 9:00 a.m.
2. **MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting of November 8th were read. Jane Witous made a motioned that they be approved, Sandy Hertz seconded the motion and the November minutes were approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** In Bill Dani's absence, William Stine presented the Treasurer's report that had been prepared by Bill. The balance in the checking account as of December 4, 2017 was \$27,014.94. In addition, Bill has a "change" fund of \$325, and is holding deposits totaling \$609 for the Spring sectional at the Pavillion. At the Unit (Holiday) game last Sunday, there were 35 tables for gross receipts of \$1,260 (at \$9.00 per player). Expenses of \$1661.01 were incurred, which included: \$437.50 for rent; \$498.75 for Director and Sanction fees, and \$724.76 for food and refreshments. This amounted to a negative \$401.01. The cost of the raffle prizes has not yet been added to the expenses as Bill is awaiting an invoice for these, but it is anticipated that a further \$150 will be added to this number. It was also noted that Guy Munroe was reimbursed \$400 for his beginner bridge classes that were held in October and November, and that \$483.01 was paid out for Unit Games held at Clubs, (including \$100 to Scott Magged for co-ordinating the Unit Wide Game on November 9th) and that the Unit still owes sanction fees for this game. In addition to these expenses, the Forum Ad for the *Sun 'N Fun* Sectional was paid. Sandy made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved, it was seconded by Nance and approved unanimously.
4. **UNIT-WIDE GAMES - Holiday Party:** William asked if there had been any comments about the game. Nancy said that she had heard many compliments from players about the fact that the candidates coming up for election were given a chance to speak. There was some discussion about having more heathy food for snacks, but reaction to the lunch was favorable. William said the food supplied by the Unit did not include cookies and sweets, as these were brought in by players acting as "cookie monsters".
5. **NLM REGIONAL**
 - a) **BRIDGE PLUS:** *Bridge Plus* is a program for brand new players to attract new members to the ACBL. It will be held on the first day of the NLM Tournament at the Pavillion in January. It will be presented by Karol Munroe along with Jane Patchet. They are anticipating at least 15 players will show up. Carol Wilkinson suggested that they be given a free lunch for attending the program. There was a discussion about whether this group of players would already be members of the ACBL and if they already had a few points, would they be allowed to participate. In the end it was decided, it didn't matter. Any player that wanted to participate would be wel-

come. Nance Lodge made a motion that the Unit pick up the cost of lunch for anyone attending the *Bridge Plus* program on that day. There was discussion about whether District 22 who were responsible for the Tournament, would reimburse the Unit or split the cost. Nance said she would check it out, but either way, felt that the Unit should offer to pay. Shirley Gibson seconded the motion and it was unanimously agreed to. There was a discussion about advertising the program. William said flyers have been printed and distributed to various country clubs and Senior Centers around the Valley, and many clubs have promised to put it up on their web-sites. It was noted that sign-up for the classes was preferable, but walk-ins would be welcome.

b) Caddies/Volunteers: William stated that Gary had the Caddies under control and an extra one on hand in case he was needed. The caddies will also help in delivering and setting up the tables on the morning of the tournament. The caddies will be paid \$40 per session per caddy and if only one is needed, the alternate caddy will get \$20. William stated that more volunteers are needed, especially for the set-up and the clean-up at the end of the tournament. He is requesting the board be at the Pavillion at 7:30 a.m. to help set up, as the facility was not available the night before. Carol Wilkinson brought up the parking situation and how volunteers are needed to help keep the traffic under control in the mornings. Barbara Gibson is in charge of lunch provisions and needs volunteers to help. On Barbara's behalf, Nance Lodge gave a run-down of the menus for each day, and suggested that some of the food could be delivered the night before as the refrigerators were available.

5. SPRING SECTIONAL: Sandy stated that everything was all set to go, but the contract however, had still not been signed by the City of Palm Springs for the Pavillion; this is not unusual. Game start time has been set for 10:00 a.m. There was more discussion about this referring to the Harvest Festival time of 9:00 a.m. which had been so unpopular. Sandy mentioned that the flyers had already been distributed. Jane Witious made a motion that all future start times at our tournaments be 10:00 a.m. It was mentioned that the decision for this is up to the Tournament Manager. Jane withdrew her motion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a MEMBERSHIP: Carol Wilkinson presented the latest figures for the Unit's membership. She reported that we have a total of 1,186 members. This includes five new members, 43 transfers in, one transfer out, and one unpaid member.

6b TOURNAMENT QUESTIONNAIRES: Nance Lodge stated that she had been in touch with Jay Whipple at ACBL and asked about Questionnaires that could be handed out at tournaments. After discussing this with Jay, Nance came to the conclusion that the Unit would be better served by having their own custom-made questionnaire which could be sent out to ALL unit members, rather than just those members that played in a specific tournament. This way the Unit could ascertain why any given member did **not** attend the tournament. Scott's name was brought up as being someone who might be willing to devise this questionnaire and William said he would ask him.

7. FUTURE UNIT GAMES:

a) Local Championship Funding Game. Participation is up to the local clubs. If they do participate, it is up to them to ask for reimbursement of the sanction fees. ACBL is changing

their policy about Unit games and there was a discussion whether the Unit should waive all special card fees and whether the Unit should subsidize every Unit Game.

b) Annual Awards Game: Connie Swanson made a motion that all players be charged \$5 card fee for the Annual Awards Game. Jane Witous seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-3.

c) William and Sandy will take care of delivering the cakes for the December 18th Unit Game.

8. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was schedule for Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Cathedral City at the Senior Center.

9: ADJOURMENT: At 10.30 a.m. Jane Witous made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Connie seconded the motion and all agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

After much discussion, the board decided that Page 3 Section b should be deleted. Replace b with a motion was made by by Connie Swanson that the Annual Election Meeting card fees would be \$5.00 per player. Jane Witous seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a vote of 4-3.

Sally A. Tobin