

## MINUTES

Board Members Present:	Nance Lodge	David Kane
	Jim Lopes	Darryl Hendershot
	William Stine	Jane Witous
	Susan Tracey	Don Freeland
	Mac Becket	
Unit Members Present:	David Lodge	Carol Wilkerson
	Scott Magged	Bill Dani

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was held at the Duncan Bridge Center, and was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Nance Lodge.
- 2. UNIT MEMBERS PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:** Scott Magged gave a statement urging the election of Nance Lodge as Unit President. David Lodge explained his negotiations with CVBF over the selection of the site for the NLM Regional, and why the Pavilion was chosen, and how this led to the difficulties between CVBF and the Unit Board. He urged the selection of Nance Lodge as Unit President. Carol Wilkinson commented on the success of the NLM Regional and the benefit of having it at the Pavilion.
- 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Darryl Hendershot nominated Nance Lodge for President; Don Freeland nominated David Kane for President. David spoke to the reasons he was willing to be President, and why he thought his election would be best for the Unit. Nance spoke to the reasons she wanted to be President, why she felt she was the most qualified for the office, and indicated she would not resign from the Board if not elected President. Darryl proposed that if Nance remains as President, that he and Don Freeland be named as liaison to CVBF to interface with CVBF and address the difficulties that have arisen with Nance. Jim Lopes spoke hoping the acrimony would end regardless of the outcome of the election. Don Freeland spoke questioning whether there might be a compromise candidate other than Nance and David for the office of President, and nominated Mac Becket, but Mac declined. Jim Lopes made a motion to close the nominations, it was seconded and passed unanimously. Secret ballots were handed out, completed by the directors, taken and counted by Bill Dani and William, who announced the outcome that Nance Lodge had been elected to the office of President of Unit 533 for the ensuing year. William Stine was elected to be Vice President. Bill Dani was elected to be Treasurer (an office which does not require being a Board member), and Susan Tracey was elected Assistant Treasurer. Mac Becket was elected Secretary, after an inquiry directed by Jim Lopes to David Kane as to whether he would be willing to stay on the Board and/or continue as Secretary was answered in the negative. David indicated he would tender his resignation as a director as of the end of the meeting, and after discussion the Board decided to approach Sara Corey as to her willingness to replace David as a director.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the Board meeting held January 14, 2016 were read and approved by unanimous vote. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held January 31, 2016 were read and approved by unanimous vote.
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Dani distributed copies of the financials for the last month as well as a preliminary budget for 2016 and spoke to both. He noted that he expected a loss for the upcoming Spring sectional, and requested estimates of expenses for the coming year on items he may not have included in the budget. Jim Lopes moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Susan seconded, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.
- 6. WEBSITE STATUS:** As Bill Berke was not in attendance, there was no discussion on this item.
- 7. NLM REGIONAL REPORT:** David Lodge gave a thorough report on this very successful tournament, which had 450 tables, gave out gold points to 108 players, and was one of only three NLM regionals in the country this year and larger than the other two combined. He indicated the District was planning another NLM Regional this coming year as well.
- 8. ANNUAL MEETING REPORT:** Nance congratulated the new Board members on their elections, thanked William for his usual great job on the food, and David reported that the Unit's Bylaws as amended had been filed with the ACBL and would remain there on file for future reference.
- 9. SPRING SECTIONAL REPORT:** Bill reported it would be held in the Primrose room of the Convention Center. Forum ads have appeared, flyers have been printed and distributed, low attendance is expected by Bill (but Scott Magged is more of an optimist on the attendance projection), and Scott is working hard finding caddies. Concerns expressed over card quality, even though Dischner has promised better cards than previously.
- 10. FUTURE TOURNAMENTS:** Darryl reported on his planning efforts for the Fall (Harvest) Sectional which include the dates of November 4-6, 2016, for which a sanction has been obtained, and a flyer prepared. He will contact DBC to verify those dates and will seek a proposal from DBC for the event, for which DBC must prove it has sufficient space (Church of Rock? Extra director would be required). The Unit has 13 tables of its own now which could be used if necessary. The next NLM Regional would likely be held on the dates of January 19-22, 2017, but that is a District 22 decision. The Spring Open Sectional sponsored by the Unit is projected for February 24-26, 2017 and Darryl will seek a sanction from ACBL and a facility to hold the projected attendance. Darryl presented April 14-16, 2017, as the dates he expects to have for the NLM Sectional, but a question was raised whether those dates might conflict with the San Diego (also within District 22) sectional in which case a sanction might not be granted by ACBL.
- 11. UNIT APPOINTMENTS:** Nance enumerated the many appointments need to be made, including but not limited to the membership committee and awards ceremony, Education Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Publicity

Committee, Communications Committee, Unit Recorder, Unit Game Coordinator, NAOP and DNT Coordinators, and a Sunshine person. Tournament managers and Forum Article editor were discussed.

12. **EDUCATION:** It was recognized that this year's efforts were not a success in the school program, because elementary school students were just too young. Efforts to have a similar program at Xavier Prep through Darryl's contact were under way and awaiting feedback.
13. **TOURNAMENT MANAGER:** Darryl is to negotiate a new contract with Scott Magged whose current one ends of March 1, 2016. Darryl expressed his intention to bring back some of the responsibilities to the Board (flyers and distribution). It was recognized that Don Freeland has had a lot of experience in this area, and questioned whether an outside-the-Board person was needed in this role that had traditionally been performed by Board members.
14. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Discussion was had as to whether the Unit website's functionality could be improved to be more like Duncan's. It was noted that Bill Berke had tied up the GoDaddy domain for several years at a very low cost. Don Freeland will discuss with Bill. Also discussed was whether the Unit's storeroom should stay at Duncan given the switch in locations and the expectation the storeroom's current location may not be available much longer. William Stine was given the responsibility to investigate with DBC landlord and other potential facilities.
15. **MEETING DATES:** Future meetings of the Board will be scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month – which would be March 9 for the Board's next meeting. Location likely at DBC but to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kane, Secretary