

MINUTES

Board Members Present: William Stine
Sandy Hertz Carol Wilkinson
Connie Swanson
Chaya Venkat Judy Searles
Georgia Jones

Also present was Bill Dani, Treasurer, Sally Tobin, Secretary, and Ken Grissinger as well as Bev Hartin representing the Duncan Bridge Foundation.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by William Stine at 9:03 a.m. at the Senior Center in Cathedral City.

2. Visiting Unit Members: Bev Hartin of the *Duncan Bridge Foundation* was asked to speak. Bev brought up the difficulty of running Unit tournaments without fully complying with California State Employee Compensation insurance regulations. She outlined her proposal for future contracts between the Unit and the Foundation on the bases on this problem. In essence, when the Unit pays rent for the Foundation's facilities, they would also be paying for Duncan's directors to direct the games. Bev assured the Unit that Duncan, would was fully compliant with State laws regarding the directors' employee compensation. In return the Unit would pay Duncan \$24.50 per table of play. Bev explained that at the Unit's Sectionals, as with the District's Regionals, the ACBL maintains this insurance on all of it's employees, including the directors that are sent to run the games. Sandy made a motion to accept this proposal as outline, Carol Wilkinson seconded the motion. William requested that the board delay it's vote until after the election of officers.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: William announced that the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary had to be named. Sandy made a motion that William continue to be President for another year, it was seconded by Carol and unani- mously agree to. William then suggested that Sandy continue to be Vice President, it was seconded by Connie and all agreed. Sandy Hertz then nominated Georgia Jones to be secretary and suggested that Bill Dani continue on as Treasurer. The motion was made by Connie Swanson that this take place, it was seconded by Carol Wilkinson and agreed to unanimously.

4. MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting of January 3, 2018, 2017 were read. Sandy made a motion that they be accepted, it was seconded by Connie and approved by all.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill Dani presented his financial reports, pointing out deposits and debits made during the month. The current balance in the checking ac-

count is \$24,452.97. Bill noted the Unit's share from the NLM tournament was less this year due to a 50-tables decrease in attendance. Bill then went over the Unit's budget for the remainder of the year.

6. ADOPTION OF THE BANKING RESOLUTIONS:

The Board authorized William Stine, President, Sandy Hertz, Vice President and William Dani, Treasurer as authorized check signers on the Units' Business Advantage Checking Account number 0024-4830-3507 with Bank of America. Bill Dani said he would call the bank for an appointment to record all their signatures. Since the current Board Secretary has resigned, Georgia as the newly elected Secretary will probably need to attend and verify the signatures. Bill Dani will confirm this.

7. NLM Tournament. William handed out copies of District 22's Report on the NLM tournament held last month in Palm Springs. The accounting and table count was discussed in detail; Carol mentioned that there were no complaints about the food; Connie thought the preparation of the food entailed too much work and should be simplified in future. There was a 50-table drop in attendance from last year.

7. SUN AND FUN Sectional: William stated that everything was in order and they were all set to go. He would like Board members to be at the Pavillion on Thursday evening to help set up. He said he needed help with the lunch on Friday and Saturday. Connie agree to help on Friday and Sally offered to help on Saturday.

8. MEMBERSHIP REPORT Carol Wilkinson stated that the Unit's membership now totaled 1,188 including three new member and 11 transferees. She passed out an email she had received from the ACBL detailing a new payment schedule for members, which included a \$7.50 temporary membership for those not able to make a commitment for the whole year. William stated that he has already forwarded this on to all Club Owners and Directors and Educators. This new schedule also includes incentives to Club Owners for recruiting new members.

9. BOARD RESIGNATION: William passed around a letter he had received from Shirley Gibson resigning from the board due to person health issues. Sandy made a motion to accept her resignation and requested that the President send her a letter thanking her for her service. The motion was seconded by Connie and all approved.

10: COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: William presented a list of committee assignments that were required by the ACBL and various appointments were made: It was suggested that the Disciplinary Chair vacated by the loss of Dick Proctow should be filled by Paul Gelb and various other appointments currently in place would stay. Sandy said he would talk to Scott about taking over the position of Tournament Manager again. Chaya Venkat said she would take over as IN Coordinator and Judy Searles as Coordinator for the NAOP and GNT.

11: UNIT GAMES.

a) William went over the schedule for delivery cakes for the Unit Games and the Unit-Wide game to be held on March 16.

b) Sandy made a motion that, for the *Awards Game* to be held at Duncan on April 8th, the board approve and sign the contract that Bev Hartin had brought with her. It was seconded by Chayah Vengat and approved by all. William stated that all the awards had been ordered but the list of winners would not be made public until March 1st. There was a question about the cost of the awards; Bill indicated the amount spent by the Unit for ACBL and other awards amounted to \$152 in total.

12. BOARD VACANCIES

There are two positions on the board that are currently vacant; one due to the resignation of Shirley Gibson and the second due to last year's resignation of Sally Corey, which has remained unfilled. There was a discussion as to how these vacancies should be satisfied. Sandy's opinion was that the board should wait until next month before making a decision. Carol thought that since there were other nominees who had been on the slate, the positions should go to the two nominees who got the next highest vote. Bill Dani stated that in the past ten years that he had been connected to the board, this was always the way it had been done. Various other opinions were voiced. Connie suggested as a compromise, one position should go to the nominee with the next highest vote and the other position (that vacated by Shirley) should be placed on hold giving the board time to seek out a replacement. Connie made a motion accordingly and it was seconded by Carol. A vote was taken and the motion was approved by 4 votes to 2. This resulted in Ken Grissinger taking over the remainder of Sally Corey's term, which runs for another 2 years.

13. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was schedule for Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Cathedral City at the Senior Center.

14. ADJOURNMENT: At 11:18 a.m. Sandy Hertz made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, it was seconded by Chaya Venkat and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Tobin