

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Nance Lodge David Kane
 Jim Lopes Jim Weeks
 Bill Berke Bill Dani
 Darryl Hendershot William Stine

Unit Members Present: Guy Brackett Beverly Hartin
 Scott Magged

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:** None
3. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the meeting held on December 4, 2015 were read and approved by unanimous vote.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Dani distributed copies of the financials for the past month as well as the Unit's financial statement for the years ending December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, which he plans to distribute at the upcoming annual meeting. Savings on the website with GoDaddy and increased profits on the Sectionals were highlights. William made a motion to approve the report, Jim Weeks seconded, and the report was approved by *unanimous vote*.
5. **WEBSITE STATUS:** *Bill Berke reported that all was well and progress training Tom Lund was continuing. Bill stated he was willing to continue his work with the website going forward even though he was not running for director again. It was noted that past minutes were not posted, and David Kane will (re)send minutes for the past months to Bill to post. It was noted no meeting was held in September, 2015, which explains the absence of those minutes on the website! Bill then left the meeting due to physical ailments.*
6. **HOLIDAY GAME REPORT:** *Many kudos to William Stine for the lot of work he put in and the success of the event.*
7. **ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING:** *David Kane reported all was well, absentee ballots were distributed and continuing to be distributed for this January 31, 2016 meeting. Discussions re food and social aspects were held and William was given budget parameters to fill the food requirements.*
8. **TOWN HALL MEETINGS:** *The planned meeting at Mizell on January 16th was cancelled as Mick reported a poll of players showed a lack of interest. Scott Magged agreed to do a poll of interest at his game to determine whether another meeting to replace the Mizell one is warranted, perhaps to allow candidates only to appear. A meeting to allow comments/questions of proposed bylaws amendments will be held after the DBC game on Monday January 18th, with David Kane and Anne Lund available.*
9. **SPRING SECTIONAL:** The need to get flyers printed ASAP was emphasized, given that a final print copy was not yet available. A Forum article is also

needed to advertise the Sectional. The availability of dedicated games was approved, with the understanding that an application would have to be filed with and approved by the Board with significant donation included.

Allowing vendors during the event was discussed, with space considerations the major stumbling block, but also insurance and landlord approval required. It was agreed vendors should have to apply and an application form needs to be created with the necessary conditions outlined.

- 10. FALL SECTIONAL:** It was noted that the new DBC facility was likely to have the ability to host 440 persons (pending fire department approval), or 110 tables. The need for a sanction for the correct dates next November, 2016 was emphasized, as one has not yet been secured. In addition, it was noted Scott Magged's contract to manage sectional tournaments for the Unit only lasts through the Spring Sectional and needs to be reviewed/updated/extended.
- 11. NON LIFE MASTERS REGIONAL:** This tournament is sold out. Volunteers for set up, tear down, and during the event were solicited. William will check whether Riverside County requires a permit to heat up the food planned to be provided. Lots of foreign interest has been shown, with additional hotel space directed.
- 12. EDUCATION:** (only) nine kids returned for more lessons in Alex McCune's class, and it was noted that 4-5th graders were too young to really benefit. We need to focus on older classes, and Darryl has some contacts that may want bridge classes, if sufficient materials are provided.
- 13. NEW BUSINESS:** (a) The question of providing food at unit games in the future was again discussed, and a motion was made by Jim Weeks, seconded by David Kane and approved by unanimous vote to provide reimbursement up to \$25 per game to directors who purchase extra food/dessert at their games. (b) Since DBC is moving its location, David Kane will prepare an amendment to the Unit/CVBF storage space use agreement to reflect the change in storage space from the SW to NW closet. (c) \$150 reimbursement to CVBF for repairing the clock being used by Mick Riccio was approved. Jim Lopes will prepare a short agreement form for club owners outlining their obligations with respect to clocks provided them by the Unit.
- 14. NEXT MEETING:** February 11, 2016 at 9:00 am at the Duncan Bridge Center.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kane, Secretary