

MINUTES

Board Members Present: William Stine
Nance Lodge
Jane Witous
Shirley Gibson
Sandy Hertz (by phone)

Board Members Excused: Carol Wilkinson

Also present were: Bev Hartin, Scott Magged, Barbara Gibson, Scott Coleman, Connie Swanson and Susan Tracy, and acting secretary, Sally Tobin

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at the Cathedral City Senior Center by William Stine at 9:10 a.m. William stated that Sandy Hertz was joining the meeting on speaker phone.

2. New Board Members: William introduced and welcomed all the guests as listed above. Scott Magged stated that he he had asked Scott Coleman to attend as a possible interim board member. The latter gave a brief background of himself and expressed his interest in volunteering. Connie Swanson was also introduced as a potential interim board member.

Susan Tracy asked if she could make a statement about her resignation and proceeded to explain why she had resigned, in part due to the “gatherings” that had taken place where no record or minutes had been taken, despite her protests that the by-laws were not being adhered to. As VP, she had reservations about such an event happening without any record and felt that under the circumstance she could no longer serve the board. Susan then handed out documents that Nancy Erickson had asked her to distribute. These were copies of emails relating to the dispute in question.

Susan then handed over the secretarial files to Sally Tobin, as well as a flash drive containing documents that she had been involved with during her term on the board. Sandy Hertz, by phone, asked to be switched to his landline as he had a hard time hearing everything on his cell phone.

While board members read the documents, Bev Hartin commented that she found the situation referred to by Susan, very upsetting. Bev then asked about the Spring Sectional and said she needed information about it as soon as possible, so that they could line up classes and speakers for the season. Scott, as Co-Tournament Director with Barbara Gibson, spoke giving Bev the necessary details. Scott then asked for a copy of the correspondence referred to by Susan and requested the ability to respond.

William then welcomed Connie Swanson as an interim board member and there was a discussion as to whose place she would fill, since Nancy Beckerman had been asked to fill in the remainder of Jim Lopes' term, and Susan Tracy's position still had more than a year to go. Nance explained that, according to the by-laws, half the board should be made up of old board members and the other half with new board members. To keep this going, whoever fills Susan Tracy's position should be available to serve for 1-1/2 years. When Connie agree to do this, a motion was made by Nance to appoint Connie Swanson to the board to fill Susan Tracy's position. The motion was seconded by Jane and unanimously approved, with Sandy saying on the phone that, as he didn't know Connie, he would go along with the rest of the board if they all agreed. Nance then made a motion to appoint Nancy Beckerman to the Board, explaining that the latter had wanted to be at this meeting but had unfortunately a conflict had arisen and she was unable to do so at the last minute. Jane seconded the motion and the motion carried. William then made a motion that Sandy be appointed Vice President, Nance seconded the motion and all approved.

3. MINUTES: The minutes from last month's meeting were read and Jane Witous made a motion that they be approved. Shirley Gibson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill Dani, Treasurer, was not at the meeting and in his absence, William read the latest bank statement. The total in the checking account as of July 14, 2017 was \$30,562.27. There is also a balance of \$325 in the *Change Fund*. Nance Lodge said that she thought it was time to schedule an audit in the very near future. Shirley made a motion that this be done as soon as possible, Jane Witous seconded the motion and all approved. Connie commented that this should take place automatically at the end of each fiscal year. Was this December? There was a discussion as to who they should ask to do the audit, and William suggested might call an accountant he knew. Nance Lodge said she would look into it.

5. HARVEST SECTIONAL: Scott stated that everything was going according to plan except for the decision about providing food for lunch. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of having players leave the site to go to the area's various restaurants. Sandy commented that people would be unhappy if there was no food available on site. The problem was that Duncan did not have an adequate kitchen to work out of. The idea of a committee was brought up to look for alternative caterers, as it was agreed that players would be more comfortable if they were fed on site. Connie and Nance agreed to be on the "food" committee and work with Scott to come up with an alternative.

6. NON-LIFE MASTER TOURNAMENT: The NLM Tournament will be held at the Pavillion in Palm Springs. Barbara & Scott reported on the status. Everything is in place --- ACBL directors all on board; caddies and speakers are in the works. **But** more volunteers were needed! Scott said they were making some minor changes for the better. He said he won't make the mistake again of having speakers that are too sophisticated for NLM. Stickers have been ordered. He then showed Mick Riccio's new

“Kewbid” logo which will be used on all flyers and stickers in the future and become recognizable as the Palm Springs NLM logo. There was a question about prizes. Are they necessary? Flyers are ready to be printed and will be ready in time to be taken to Las Vegas. The one thing they need is the name of a host hotel which Scott said he has been unable to come up with. He stated that he would like to have two or three different hotel prices to be added to the flyer. Connie Swanson volunteered to help Barbara with that. Scott stated that he would also like to have flyers from all local clubs displayed at the tournament.

7. UNIT GAMES: Sandy reported that he was working on the 2018 sanctions as he presumed they had all been taken care of for the current year. He wanted to know the dates of the Awards Party and Annual Meeting and the Holiday Party so that he could apply for sanctions. A discussion ensued and the dates that were agreed to are as follows: The **Annual Meeting** will be held January 28th, 2018. However, the **Awards Game** which is usually held at the beginning of April is Easter Sunday which might be a problem. Nance Lodge said she would look at other dates for that event and get back to Sandy the following week. The **Holiday Party** will be the first Sunday in December and will not conflict with the San Diego Nationals as originally thought.

8. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jane Witous stated that she had asked Tricia Walters to help and will have more information for William at the next meeting.

9. DISTRICT ELECTIONS: Nance Lodge spoke about the District-wide elections taking place later in the summer, and stated that they were two members from the board of District 22 vying for the same position on the National Board. One is Ken Monzingo (who holds the position currently), and the other person is her husband, David Lodge. David, was planning to be at our meeting to explain why he thought he was the best candidate. However, David was indisposed that morning and was unable to attend the Unit’s board meeting. Nance said she would like to invite board members to her house to hear him talk about running for this office, in the near future. The discussion then turned to electronic voting vs. voting at a Unit meeting; the pros and cons of both. The board has to let ACBL know which they prefer before August 15th. Most of the board members preferred to vote electronically, even though they had been warned about ACBL incoming email possibly going to spam.

10. Next Meeting: The next meeting was schedule for Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

William asked if there was anyone available to bring a cake to Duncan for the next Unit Game on July 6th? A suggestion was made to ask Carol Wilkinson.

Sandy and Jane both had to leave for prior engagements so at 10:45 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Tobin