

UNIT 533
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 AT 9:00 AM
AT DUNCAN BRIDGE CENTER

Board Members Present: William Stine, Mac Becket, Susan Tracey, Jane Witous, Jim Lopes, Don Freeland

Absent: Nance Lodge, Sally Corey

Also Present: Treasurer Bill Dani

Guests: Bev Hartin, Scott Magged

CALL TO ORDER

Jim Lopes called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and presided until 9:30 when Vice-President William Stine joined the meeting and took the gavel.

VISITORS WELCOME

No visitors wished to speak to the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting held on August 10, 2016, were read and unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Dani reviewed receipts and disbursements recorded since our last board meeting and the updated budget. The balance as of 9/13/16 was \$24,113.35. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

WEBSITE STATUS

The new website continues to be working well. There were questions regarding the old website, and whether it still contains useful information and/or pages that the new website uses. The old website home page still has a prominent link to the new site, but could be changed to automatically redirect to the new site. Don will look into how and when to redirect or remove the old site, and advise the Board. It was suggested that an email blast be sent to all members reminding them of the new website address. No action was taken.

HARVEST SECTIONAL

- William asked for Board members to volunteer time to help with setup, etc.
- William indicated that the contract will be finalized this week.
- Tickets will be sold for lunches on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- William and Scott Magged will coordinate to ensure we have the optimal number of directors, as each director that is brought in is a substantial cost to the Unit.
- Per William, there will adequate numbers of tables and chairs on hand.

SUN AND FUN SECTIONAL (formerly the Spring Sectional)

- Graphics for the flyer presented by Scott Magged were approved.
- Don noted that after the Board receives feedback from the Harvest Sectional directors, the Board could consider relocating to DBC, if DBC was found to be large enough and the contract with Palm Springs Pavilion was not yet finalized.

UNIT GAMES

- Jim Lopes is working with Nancy Erickson on a calendar of 2017 Unit games (including Unit games in clubs, and a Unit-wide game in clubs). He will present a tentative Unit game schedule to the Board, and run it by the club directors, to avoid conflicts or inappropriate dates. The Holiday Party will be December 3, 2017. The Annual Meeting and the Awards Meeting dates will be determined later.

- William will coordinate cake deliveries by Board members for the Unit games in clubs for the balance of 2016.
- For the Unit-wide game in clubs, it was suggested that one club director be named to manage/coordinate stratification, scoring, reporting, etc., and that it might warrant some compensation to that director because of the amount of work involved.

ELECTIONS

- Appointment of Nominating and Election Committees
- Susan volunteered to be the Board member on the Nominating Committee. Susan will identify four other Unit members to serve on the Nominating Committee, subject to Board ratification.
- Ron Erickson was named to the Election Committee. Ron will identify two other Unit members to serve on the Election Committee, subject to Board ratification.
- Don suggested that mail-in ballot security be improved by using a double envelope ballot, with the interior envelope not to be opened until the counting of the ballots at the annual meeting. This was discussed and tabled until after the Election Committee is formed.

AWARDS

Mac distributed a written summary of Unit and non-Unit awards and honors, including the Zobel, Mitchell, Mondo, Hirschman, Erickson, Astone and Gitt, and the several Life Master plaques that are now in storage. Mac asked Board members to review the summary for a discussion at the October meeting about what level of involvement the Board will have with the various awards, and how to manage trophies, plaques, etc. Mac will email the summary to the Board members who are not present today.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

As Chair of this Committee, Susan suggested some items for future discussion.

- The Unit seek to identify an appropriate target group and school for a future "Bridge in Schools" program.
- The Unit consider how much of its financial resources should be allocated to educational purposes.
- A report on the status of the implementation of Zero Tolerance education will be presented to the Board in October.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Unit 533 Board meeting will be held on October 12, 2016 at the Duncan Bridge Center at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mac Becket, Acting Secretary

Signed _____ Dated _____