

## **APRIL 14, 2021 UNIT 533 BOARD MEETING**

### **ATTENDEES:**

Bill Dani  
Vicki Graves  
Sandy Hertz  
Diane Jobin  
Anne Lund  
BJ Moses  
Bonnie Sipkins

Absent: Joy Barron  
Paola Cohen  
Keith King

### **MINUTES**

Vicki Graves called the meeting to order, via Zoom, at 10:05 am

The March 2021 Minutes were approved via email by board members prior to the meeting.

### **FINANCIALS**

Bill Dani sent current information to board members, via email on April 12, 2021, which included:

- Quarterly Financial Statement: March 31, 2021
- Itemized Categories for 2021 of checks and deposits
- Account Balances: April 12, 2021
- Updated Budget for 2021

These reports will be posted on the Unit website.

Sandy Hertz recommended approval of the financials, and BJ seconded the motion. All members approved the motion.

### **DISTRICT CALL REGARDING RE-OPENING ISSUES**

The District held a call with interested club owners regarding the issues involved in re-opening the clubs. Per ACBL, each club owns the decisions regarding when to re-open, whether to require vaccines and/or face masks, capacity issues, snacks etc. ACBL is addressing the 1.5 MP bump on virtual games, the pooling issues, guest policies and special event games held on BBO.

It was noted that the District's regionals in September and October have been cancelled but the Palm Springs Regional in December is still on at this point in time.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

In Paola's absence, Vicki reported that the two of them had designed a welcome letter to be sent out to new members. A copy of the welcome letter sent to ten new members had been emailed to board members. A discussion regarding how we should get new ACBL members involved in our games ensued. Vicki said she and Paola had also implemented a process to allow Mac Becket, our Webmaster, to more easily keep our email address list up to date.

(Subsequent to the meeting it was reported that our membership count is 882. Of those, 615 (70%) are below Life Master MP levels.)

## **AWARDS**

Sandy reported there were no WIN Awards during 2020 but he was arranging to send out the 2019 awards. The program will resume when the clubs re-open.

Vicki reported that the 2020 and 2019 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards had been mailed out and that the 2019 Volunteer of the Year awards had been delivered.

Nancy and Ron Erickson, who sponsored the annual Volunteer Award for 10 years have decided to no longer do so. Nancy asked if our board would take over this award. Vicki suggested we table this thought till November. She noted that Nancy and Ron had presented nice clocks but there also were trophies in the storeroom we could use in the future.

## **STORAGE UNIT**

Joy and Vicki spent several hours cleaning out the storeroom. Thank you to Joy who provided, via email, an inventory of contents. A lot of entertaining materials (i.e. for tournaments, award events, the holiday party) are there. The most important items are the bidding boxes and board cases and the tables.

Regarding downsizing, there is a 5x10 storage space at the same location for approximately half the current price of \$1400 a year. If we are to cut our storage unit size in half though, we will need to reduce content even further. There are some obvious things that can go but we'll also have to weed out other supplies.

Diane, Joy, Bill and BJ offered to help with this next wave of content reduction.

## **SECTIONALS**

Bill had done several financial scenarios given varying table counts for the 2022 February sectional. We used to have over 200 tables at this February sectional and would need at least that number to consider the event financially viable.

As a follow up to our last meeting, Vicki pursued the idea of a Sectional Tournament played at the Clubs for a week in February as an alternative to a single site venue. She reviewed the process used by ACBL and said it appears that the clubs could make a profit as would the unit (albeit lesser than that at a successful sectional event). More importantly though, every game during that week played at the clubs is part of the tournament and the players of any level can earn silver points playing in their regular games at their preferred club(s).

Anne said she likes the idea as event sectionals have become too costly. In addition, this gets our I/N players involved in the event which hasn't historically happened with traditional sectionals.

Vicki will talk to several club owners to see what they'd think about a Sectional Tournament played at the Clubs prior to our next meeting.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Sandy inquired whether the board will have summer meetings. Since it is very easy to do with zoom, Vicki responded that we'll be able to do so as needed.

May 12 will be our next meeting date, and at the request of board members, Vicki will send out an agenda prior to the meeting.

Sandy moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 am and it was seconded and approved.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie Sipkins  
Secretary