

Unit 533 Board Meeting—April 8, 2022

Board Members:

Chip Graves
Vicki Graves
Linda Hahn
Diane Jobin
Rob Martin
Bonnie Sipkins
Barb Wegener
Deann Young
Sandy Young

Treasurer: Bill Dani

Guest: Guy Brackett, CVBF President

Minutes from the March 2022 meeting were approved by electronic vote before the meeting.

Today's meeting was called to order by President Vicki Graves at 10 AM at the Duncan Bridge Center

FINANCIALS

Bill reviewed the first quarter financials, the updated budget, and the March 27 Annual Awards game results.

Vicki noted that we did not buy enough food for the March 27 game because there were 75 registered participants on Friday night and 110 people attended: a 30% jump in the last 36 hours. In the future, we need to better estimate attendance, and the food should be ready at noon regardless of the advertised start time!

Linda raised some questions about the varying sanction fees that can apply to an event. Examples of unit game costs and STaC costs were discussed. All ACBL fees are all listed on the ACBL website. *As a promised addendum to the discussion, on the ACBL site, pick Menu, then 'About ACBL' and then 'Administration' and then you'll see a tab called 'Prices and Fees'.*

A motion was made by Rob to approve the financials, Chip seconded and all approved.

FALL SECTIONAL

As a follow up to last month's discussion as to whether to move forward with the sectional sanction we have for November 11 & 12, Vicki said that Duncan was interested in hosting it and believed a contract like that of the Sun & Fun was feasible. (That contract provided for a 50/50 split of the profit/loss by the Unit & the CVBF.) There is a district STaC that week but Guy noted also that it's Veterans Day weekend which is a plus. Table count and ACBL costs are the biggest financial drivers. Linda will pursue directors with a lesser travel cost—possibly a new director in San Diego would be available. As the time moves closer, if we feel we won't draw sufficient attendees we can cancel the event or apply for a downgraded sectional. Deann made a motion to hold the event, and Diane seconded the motion. All approved. Linda said we should send emails to neighboring areas and advertise in the D22 in addition to notices to our local players.

EDUCATION

Diane reported that the Unit's education program prior to COVID was that we reimburse an accredited instructor of beginning bridge up to \$50 per student for an 8-week course up to limit of \$1000. A plan to integrate the student into bridge post-classes was desired as well. Mick's recent class had 30 students.

After discussion with Mick, Diane said she would like to amend past procedures as follows: After the student's beginning class he/she would start in supervised play with board review after the game. This might also evolve into mentor games in the fall. She and Mick will discuss how to roll out the suggestion. Guy suggested that Duncan would partner on this with the unit. Volunteers will be needed. After additional conversation with Mick, Diane will have a plan as to how to best spend the \$1200 budgeted for the year.

MEMBERSHIP

Sandy reported that membership decreased by about 100 as of 3/31 which is not unusual as snowbirds leave.

As our representative to the District's committee to grow membership, Diane reported they are working on a survey of clubs. Possibly new technologies under development can help teach people the game?

No board meetings are scheduled for the summer, but one may be called if issues arise. Votes, as needed, will be handled electronically.

Deann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10am, it was seconded by Linda. All approved.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie Sipkins
Secretary