

**Palm Springs Unit 533 of the ACBL
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Cathedral City Senior Center**

Board Members Present: William Stine
Judy Searle
Georgia Jones
Anne Lund
Vicki Graves
Bill Dani, Treasurer
Martha Jenkins
Martin Frank
Paola Cohen
Sandy Hertz
Martha Jenkins
Guests: Nancy Erickson
Susan Tracey
Bev Hartin
Scott Magged
Bob Wernick
Bonnie Sipkins
Guy Brackett

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Sandy Hertz at 9:05 a.m. at the Cathedral Senior Center in Cathedral City.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved with amendments. Motion by Martin Frank and seconded by Judy Searle. The motion passed.

TREASURER: Bill Dani, Treasurer, stated the total in the Unit 533 bank account is \$26,385.36. Bill Dani projected that the unit will operate at a loss of as much as \$3,000 for 2019. This is predominantly the result of the NLM Regional when free plays were granted to account for the delayed delivery of tables. It was agreed that the Unit will send the district \$1726 to cover its share of the loss at this event instead of the \$2,200 they had requested. William Stine quoted the contract obligation as 50% of the loss. Bill noted that there was an additional loss at the Fall Harvest Sectional because of lower table counts and higher director fees.

MEMBERSHIP: Unit 533 has 1,084 members at the present time.

EDUCATION: All teachers are in place. Their classes and times may be found on the Unit website. Unit Games may in the morning or the afternoon. Anne Lund presented some changes in the way classes are listed on the unit website. A class will remain on the website until completed unless the teacher restricts participation after the first session of the class. There will also be one education box per club.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The following three have applied for the Unit 533 Board nominations: Sigi Braverman, Bonnie Sipkins and Joy Barron. Election to be held at the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2020.

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Kay Walters is the Chairperson. The committee will count votes for the election at the Annual Meeting. Absentee ballots may be mailed in before the meeting. Absentee ballots may be sent in by regular mail or email. Absentee ballots must be received before 9:00 p.m. on January 24, 2020.

UNIT-WIDE GAMES: Anne Lund suggested that we clarify the start times for a club's participation in a Unit-Wide game to ensure that there is no chance that board information can be shared between players at different clubs. It was agreed that all clubs participating in a Unit-Wide game should start within a 30-minute window. Clubs that have different start times or that have limited games (i.e. 0-750) can host Unit Games the day of the Unit-Wide Game to give those players an opportunity for additional points as we have done in the past five years.

ANNUAL MEETING: This event will be held on January 26, 2020, at the Duncan Bridge Center.

SPRING SECTIONAL: The Spring Sectional will be held at the Duncan Bridge Center February 14-15, 2020. Information will be published in the Forum and on the Unit website. Nancy Erickson asked that a Board member coordinate with the vendor Panda of District 22 so that email blasts regarding the event are sent to players outside our area. Bill Dani will contact Panda of District 22 to send an email blast.

UNIT CLOCKS: In 2008 the Unit Board purchased four timer clocks to be used at the clubs with the understanding that if the club closed, the clocks would be returned to the Unit. Currently the Board has one clock in its possession as the result of the closure of the Cathedral City game, and one clock at Mizell. We are unaware of the location of the other 2 clocks.

SECTIONALS: A discussion was held regarding plans to continue or replace the Fall Harvest Sectional in 2020. Other options might include additional 499er sectionals or a Unit STAC or different calendar options after the season begins. Judy Searle will chair a committee with certain club owners to bring a recommendation to the Board regarding this issue.

AWARDS MEETING: This event will be held on April 5, 2020 at the Duncan Bridge Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The motion was made by Georgia Jones and seconded by Anne Lund. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Jones
Secretary