

## **Unit 533 February Board Meeting – 2/22/24**

### **Board Members Present:**

Diane Jobin

DeAnn Young

Ann Carter

Diana Seeb

Kathy Kroll

Rob Martin

Barb Wegener

Acting President: Vicki Graves

Treasurer: Bill Dani

Guests: Guy Brackett Sean Lui

### **Board Members Absent:**

Sandy Young

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am at the Duncan Bridge Center. Minutes from the January Board meeting had been approved electronically.

### **SUN & FUN SECTIONAL: February 16-17, 2024**

The tournament was very successful and the board voiced thanks to Diana, Diane and Sean for their leadership. Bill reported on the financials. We had a total of 171.5 tables which was 15 more than in 2023 and 79% of our pre COVID table counts. There was a profit of \$4,000 split between the Unit and CVBF. At the last minute we were able to include a 0-20 game at the event (7.5 tables). If we do that again we would promote it earlier. The consensus was that the food was great.

The disappointment of the tournament was that only 29% of our table count was in the Limited events as compared to 44% in 2023. In the 0-499er pairs games, the table count on Friday morning was 8 and afternoon was 14 and on Saturday the table count was 11 in the morning and 6 in the afternoon. A discussion was held on how to get more players at the I/N levels involved. Mick had suggested incentives such as win or some sort of mini lesson.

Another idea to increase awareness was to put out flyers on the tables. Sean suggested that we expand the 0-499er to a 0-750 event. We also need to get more team game participants in the 0-750 category (5 tables on Friday and 3 on Saturday) or cancel that as a separate event.

### **BOARD ELECTIONS: March 17, 2024**

The elections will be held March 17 in conjunction with the awards event. Kathy reported that the three candidates running for the three positions are: Vicki Graves, Diane Jobin and Sue Blom. Mac Becket posted this on the website. The Election process is as follows: Ballots will be sent out via email and members can vote via response to our election chair (Judy Searle). Ballots will also be available at the event. Sixty votes are needed to certify the election. This is also our Annual Meeting of the membership which will be a brief segment before the game.

Vicki said Sandy had advised her that she would resign from the board in April. An appointment will be made to

fill her position for the year remaining in her term. She asked board members to give any replacement candidate ideas to Kathy.

## **AWARDS**

We are waiting for Ace of Clubs certificates. Rob will send an email to the winners ahead of time in hopes that they will attend. Sandy is producing the W.I.N. tickets free play awards in business card format and will organize the presentations to congregate multiple awards to the same recipient. The Volunteer of Year recipient is Bob Wernick. Vicki will make a \$100 donation in Bob's name to Tools for Tomorrow (a favorite charity of his).

Diane had volunteered at the last meeting to organize the lunch for the March 17 Elections/Awards event. She will advise as to what help she needs.

## **W.I.N. Update**

The board reviewed the free play letter Diana is sending to new members and the free play letter which is being provided to Beginning Bridge graduates. These free plays will be deducted from the WIN account.

## **EDUCATION**

Deann reviewed the updated board process document for education reimbursements to our teachers. She noted that

approved teachers offering beginning bridge curriculums can receive \$50 per student up to \$1000. We will also provide a free play to each graduate and advise them of available games. Vicki said that Mick's reimbursement request from the D22 fund was on hold until March. Deann said that Randy Bissett is planning on teaching Mini-bridge which is learning how to play hands before learning how to bid-and then following that with Beginning Bridge lessons.

A letter will be sent to the nine accredited teacher in our Unit advising them of the unit's reimbursement process.

Bill said he had put \$3000 in the 2024 budget for education and that there was some flexibility in that number.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Diana reviewed the new ACBL 5/5/5 Unit reimbursement plan which will become effective in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Diana said that 2.5% of the available funds are tied to reaching out to lapsed members and 0-5MP members who are at high risk for dropping out. She said that a challenge to reaching these players was that they had not given ACBL their email addresses. A discussion ensued. Sean said Diana could check with him to see if DBC had an email address for an individual. Vicki said she would suggest to ACBL that they make email addresses a "required field".

## **NEXT MEETING**

Vicki said that the Bylaws state that the first meeting after the elections was to include both old and new board members as the first item of business would be to elect officers for 2024.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 at the Duncan Bridge Center.

Submitted by: Barb Wegener, Secretary