

**Palm Springs Unit 533 of the ACBL**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**  
**Temple Sinai**

Board Members Present: Sandy Hertz  
Bill Dani, Treasurer  
Judy Searle  
William Stine  
Martha Jenkins  
Vicki Graves  
Martin Frank  
Paola Cohen  
Anne Lund  
Georgia Jones (absent)

Guests Present: Bev Hartin  
Scott Magged  
Susan Tracey

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Sandy Hertz at 9AM.

**MINUTES:** The minutes were approved with amendments. The motion was made by Vicki Graves and seconded by Anne Lund. The motion passed.

**NATIONAL GOODWILL AWARD:** Sandy Hertz presented a \$750 check to William Stine as a partial reimbursement of the expenses he will incur to travel to the NABC in Ohio to receive this prestigious award.

**TREASURER:** Bill Dani reported that the total in the Unit 533 bank account is \$23,810. The balance in the WIN account is \$14,700. The 2019 budget deficit of \$2828 was predominantly the result of the losses at the NLM Regional but there was also a \$508 loss at the Harvest Sectional. The 2020 budget was reviewed. Bill voiced concern about lesser income sources especially as related to uncertainties with the sectionals. It was agreed that the results of the February Sun & Fun sectional and Judy Searle's committee recommendations about a fall sectional will provide clarity within the next few months. A motion to approve the financials was made by William Stine and seconded by Judy Searle and the motion passed.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Unit 533 has 1,083 members at the present time.

**EDUCATION:** Anne Lund reviewed the process in place to reimburse teachers who offer approved beginning bridge classes at a club that also has a new player type game as a next step for the students. The teacher/club receives \$50 per student up to a max of 20 students. The total unit educational budget per year is \$3000. She reported that Mick Riccio's class will begin January 9 rather than in May as originally planned. She also said that Dave Cummings has only four students signed up for his upcoming class and that Sean Lui would like to offer a beginning class to Xavier High School students this summer. Judy Searle noted that ACBL has a separate educational reimbursement program for high school students. Anne and Susan Tracey will be sure that Sean is aware of this program.

**UNIT WIDE GAMES:** Judy Searle reported that five clubs will participate in the game on January 17. Scott Magged will coordinate the game. Scott stated that the stratification across clubs will be set at Open, 1500, and 500MPs. In response to a question, Bev Hartin said that the CVBF did not plan to participate because they believe that ACBL policy is unfair to their players. For example, she believes that Open players at other clubs play more I/N players and therefore have a better chance for high scores. She also noted that Limited games are not included. Scott said that Limited games could be included IF three clubs offered the same type of Limited games that day. It was also noted that Limited games can be played as regular Unit games that day.

**UNIT GAMES:** The Board agreed to continue to provide two free plays to players at unit games at each club in 2020. Judy Searle made this motion and it was seconded by Anne Lund.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The event will be held on January 26, 2020. Sandy Hertz said he had been advised that the new Duncan facility would not be available and that an email blast would be sent to members advising them that the game would be held at the current Duncan Bridge Center.

**SECTIONALS:** William Stine said that an email blast reminder regarding the Sun & Fun Sectional on February 14-15 will be sent out at the beginning of February. Judy Searle reported that the committee looking at future sectional plans will provide an update at the next meeting. The Desert Cities sanction request was tabled until that time.

**NAP/GNT SANCTION FEE'S:** It was agreed that the Board would again reimburse a participating club for the NAP ACBL sanction fee in 2020. The amount to be reimbursed for an NAP game is \$5 per table. It was also agreed that the Board would reimburse the \$2.25 per table sanction fee for a GNT qualifying game. These reimbursements will be limited to one qualifying NAP game per club and one qualifying GNT game per club. The motion was made by Judy Searle and seconded by Anne Lund and approved.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2020 at 9AM at Temple Sinai. Sandy Hertz will advise the new board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Vicki Graves (substituting for Georgia Jones)