

Unit 533 January Board Meeting January 5, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Absent:
Ellie Pynes
Bonnie Sipkins

Treasurer: Bill Dani

GUESTS

Sean Lui, Duncan Director

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am at the Duncan Bridge Center.

Minutes from the November 30, 2022 meeting had been approved electronically.

0-499er SECTIONAL UPDATE: January 13-14, 2023

The planned format was reviewed: Pairs games on Friday (both sessions), Saturday morning and a Swiss teams game Saturday afternoon. Vaccination verification was discussed. It was decided that since we are using the Duncan reservation system, we could use it to check those people who haven't previously shown proof. It was agreed that we would use stickers rather than bracelets as indication that vaccines had been checked. It was suggested to have verification occur before/in conjunction with payment. Refreshment needs were discussed. Donuts will be available for Saturday and Rob will pick up the donuts by 8am. Diane will pick up muffins for

Friday & afternoon cookies or other desserts. Diane will seek volunteers as needed.

SUN AND FUN SECTIONAL: February 17-18, 2023

Linda said that the volunteers who were to check vaccines at the door at the Fall Harvest had not been effective enough and suggested using Xavier Prep students at some nominal pay. Friday is a school day, but Sean said he would check this as a possibility. Bill voiced concern about the cost. It was decided to table this decision until the effectiveness of the process at the January Sectional can be evaluated. Linda said Guy had offered to do the refreshments for this tournament after the last sectional and she would verify this with him. We will continue with email blasts, and flyers have been printed and distributed. Marty Blaine will be the Emcee. Sandy agreed to be the 2nd in charge at this tournament and will work with Linda to become familiar with processes.

BOARD ELECTIONS: February 5, 2023

There are three candidates to fill the three vacancies: Ann Carter, Valerie Katz and Diana Seeb. Members can vote electronically or at the February 5th meeting. February 5th game is a Unit Championship game. Ellie is taking care of the food. Judy Searle has agreed to be the Election Chair and Margaret Cleveland will assist. Sean will direct.

AWARDS: March 26, 2023, Presentation Event/Game

The event will be held at Duncan and Sean has agreed to direct. Rob is coordinating this event.

Potential candidates for the Volunteer of the Year award were discussed. It was agreed that David and Nance Lodge would be co-recipients for 2022 given many years of volunteerism in support of the unit, district & national ACBL organizations.

Vicki said a determination was needed as to whether the WIN awards should be presented at the 2/5 or 3/26 games. As background, the WIN awards offer 15 free plays to seven players who earned the most MPs the prior year in seven masterpoint categories up to 500MPs. The Ace of Clubs system is used to determine winners. The money for this was donated by Chaya

Venkat & Sandy Hertz in 2018 (\$15,000) and is held in a separate account. The issue is that these same players win the Ace of Clubs and often the Mini-McKenney awards so it's a lot of duplication of names at the same event. Rob will decide when to present the WIN awards.

(Addendum: In response to a question about the lesser number of people playing F2F, Bill later reported that 87/\$870 of the free plays from this WIN fund has been redeemed since inception. We award 105 per year.)

Vicki recommended that the Lucy Mitchell & Barbara Mondo awards for the top Open/299er winners at the Sun and Fun and that the Audrey Currie & Jana McCormack awards for those same winners at the Fall Harvest be discontinued as awards. The Unit would, however, continue to recognize the top Open and I/N players at these tournaments in its publicity. It was agreed.

UNIT GAMES: 1st Quarter '23

Barb had sent out the dates: 1/2, 1/18, 1/24, 2/5, 2/10, 2/21, 3/1, 3/17, & 3/26.

EDUCATION:

Deann asked that we table discussion of modifications to our reimbursement processes until the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

Sandy reported that we have 823 as of 1/1/23. Pre-pandemic, that number was closer to 1000.

FINANCIALS:

Bill reviewed the financials through December. He noted that the Holiday Party lost \$146 with only 21 tables.

It was agreed that the Board would give a Memorial in honor of Scott Magged and his many contributions to the Unit.

NEXT MEETING:

In accordance with the By-laws, **the next meeting will be after the Elections/Game on February 5.** This short joint meeting of the old and new board members is intended to elect officers for the new Board. Diane and Vicki will recommend the slate. Bill said new bank signatures will be required given new officers.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Wegener