

UNIT 533

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016 AT 9 AM  
AT CATHEDRAL CITY CENTER

**Board Members Present:** President Nance Lodge, William Stine, Bill Dani, Darryl Hendershot, Sally Corey, Jim Lopes, Mac Becket, Susan Tracey, Don Freeland (by phone 9:40 AM), Jane Witous (10:40 AM)

**Unit Members Present:** Nancy Erickson, Scott Magged

CALL TO ORDER

President Nance Lodge called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

Sally Corey was introduced as a new board member and appointed secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting held on February 11, 2016 were read and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Dani distributed copies of the financials for the last month; the Spring Sectional report, which showed a loss of \$230; and the Fall Sectional itemized proposal from Coachella Valley Bridge Foundation (CVBF).

*Mac Becket moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded; approved unanimously.*

POSITION OF RECORDER

Jim Lopes accepted the position of recorder.

WEBSITE STATUS

Nancy Erickson, Tarwin Onketdpon, Mac Beckett and Don Freeland will form a committee to find a suitable website for Unit 533. Their findings will be reported to the Board for further action.

SPRING SECTIONAL

The Spring Sectional was held February 26-28, 2016. There were 331 tables. The event showed a loss of \$230. The response from attendees was very favorable. Although the venue (Palm Springs Convention Center) was highly regarded, it is too costly to make the event profitable. Darryl will look into the cost and availability of the Palm Springs Pavilion and Duncan Bridge Center (DBC).

HARVEST SECTIONAL – DBC PROPOSAL

The Board reviewed and accepted the DCB's proposal for facility fees. The fee will be \$12 per entry. No subsidy will be provided for the 49ers. Food services will be discussed at a future

date. Darryl will make copies of the Harvest Sectional Flyer and distribute to the Board for consideration.

#### FUTURE SECTIONALS

Three future sectionals to be scheduled are:

1. Harvest Sectional, November 4-6, 2016
2. Non-life Masters (NLM) tournament, April 17-18, 2017
3. Spring Sectional, February 17-19, 2017.

Darryl needs an assistant. He also stated he is extending a contract to Scott Magged as tournament director for the three tournaments and is in the process of getting it signed. The Harvest Sectional will be held at DBC. The other two tournaments do not as yet have venues.

#### REPORT ON MEETING WITH CVBF REPRESENTATIVES

Jim Lopes reported that he and William met with Vicki, Ross and Neil of CVBF. The meeting was cordial and our relations with CVFB are fine. He indicated that there is no need for further meetings with CVFB.

#### REPORT ON UNITS GAMES

Jim Lopes reported on the GNT Unit Qualifying Games. He wants to pull the dates from the website and do further study into time, place and number of games.

#### STORAGE AREA

William Stine said our materials must be moved out of Duncan Bridge Center by April 1, 2016. William said Extra Space Storage at Varner and Monterey is available for \$91 a month. *Mac Becket moved to approve we accept this facility; seconded; approved unanimously.*

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 11:30 AM and reconvened at 11:45 AM.

*Continuation of Board Meeting at 11:45 AM.*

#### ZERO TOLERANCE

The Board discussed a Zero Tolerance Issue regarding the action of Don Freeland. The Board agreed Don's actions were inappropriate. The Board voted to censure Don with 7 ayes, one nay and one abstention. Mac Beckett will draft a letter of censure to Don regarding his conduct. Don agreed to submit his apology in a letter to the Board and all Unit 533 members. Both the Board's letter of censure and Don's letter of apology will be published on the Unit 533 website.

#### MEETING DATE

The next Unit 533 Board meeting will be held on April 13, 2016 at the Duncan Bridge Center at 9 AM.

The meeting closed at 12 PM.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_