

## Unit 533 Board Meeting Minutes-March 2, 2023

### Board Members Present:

- Diane Jobin
- Rob Martin
- Diana Seeb
- Sandy Young
- Deann Young
- Bill Dani (Treasurer)

### Absent:

- Ann Carter
- Valerie Katz
- Ellie Pynes
- Barb Wegener

Guests: Vicki Graves & Sean Lui

### Discussion:

The meeting began at 10:30am. Diane hosted a Meet and Greet round table as she welcomed the new board members. *As an addendum, the names and contact phone # and email for each board member is posted on the Unit 533 website under "Unit 533 Board Information".*

Bill Dani covered the Financials and passed out the 2023 Budget. His summary of the Sun & Fun Sectional and Awards Game budget projection was included. It was noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACBL director that had been unexpectedly brought in for Saturday had cost us \$910. Vicki reported that she had written to ACBL requesting reimbursement for this \$910 as, if we had been consulted, we could have assured the DIC that Saturday table counts are always lesser. We also could have found local Tournament Directors which would have saved the travel costs, hotel, and per diem. Bill said that he had noted that it appeared that ACBL had used last year's pricing table and, if that wasn't correct, there could be \$176 more in billing. Without any adjustments, the tournament had netted approximately \$3000 which we will split 50/50 with the CVBF.

Vicki reviewed the Sun & Fun tournament table counts which, at 156.5, was approximately 72% of our pre-Covid #'s for this event and greater than

budgeted. She said that the afternoon sessions had 35-40% more tables because we had offered team games as well as pairs. Since in the past pair and team games had been offered at all sessions, the table counts might have been closer to 100% of pre-Covid if we had offered teams at all sessions in 2023. That would be more revenue but the offsetting future consideration would be that ACBL might insist on a 2<sup>nd</sup> of their directors and so a significant increase in cost. In total at the event, there were 45 tables of teams and 111.5 tables of pairs. Happily, 44% of the tables were I/N players!

As related to future tournaments: We have sanctions for the Fall Harvest and Sun and Fun tournaments for the next three years already as these holiday weekends are hard to get and the sanctions can always be cancelled. Another 0-499 or NLM sectional was discussed for 2024 with conversation touching on its value to newer players & its lower costs but also the amount of work it brings with three tournaments and three event games to plan and run in a 5-month period.

Bill said the nature of the contract we have with CVBF is critical to financial viability and hoped that we could negotiate 50/50 contracts for next year. Sandy suggested we consider \$15 card fees. Attracting newer players to team games was also discussed as the team game count at the 0-499er tournament was low. One idea was to schedule an overview of how they worked before the event. Vicki said that the Guaranteed Partner offer had been valuable at the Sun and Fun and thanked Sean for making this happen. She said that at future events the board needed to nail down more people to be available for this.

The March 26 Awards Game plans were discussed. We will use the Duncan facility and pay them 30% of our card fees. Sean Lui has been hired to direct. Rob will host the meeting and present the awards. Diane said she and Ellie were talking about the menu...maybe pasta with donated salads or even a potluck? Volunteers would be needed to help. Everyone should invite friends and those they see at the tables to attend. The event has been publicized in the January, February and March newsletters and an email blast will go out a week in advance as well.

Vicki said that at the January meeting the Board had voted to give the Volunteer of the Year award for 2022 to David and Nance Lodge. We had however not voted on whether to continue a charitable donation in honor of the recipients. Last year we named Bev Hartin and gave \$100 to the CVBF

educational foundation. Deann made a motion that we give \$100 to the charity of choice for the Lodge's and Diane seconded that. The motion carried.

Bill said the Board needed to make a resolution to assign new bank signature authority to the new President and Vice President of the Board. He then will arrange to meet Diane & Ellie at the bank to sign the bank cards. Deann made the motion to approve this, Sandy seconded it, and all approved.

The Unit Planning calendar as sent out with this meeting's agenda was referenced. It lists monthly timelines for what must be accomplished given various board functions.

Diane said that at future meetings she wanted to talk about ideas on new ways to get people interested in bridge. We are nearing the end of the season so there are not a lot of decisions that need to be made in the upcoming months. She will advise as to when the next meeting will be held.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Submitted on behalf of Barb Wegener by Vicki Graves