

UNIT 533
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016 AT 9:00 AM
AT DUNCAN BRIDGE CENTER

Board Members Present: William Stine, Mac Becket, Susan Tracey, Jane Witous, Jim Lopes, Don Freeland

Also present: Bill Dani, Treasurer

Absent: Nance Lodge, Sally Corey

Guests: Karen Michael, Scott Magged and Nancy Erickson

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President William Stine called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting held on October 12, 2016 were revised and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Dani reviewed receipts and disbursements recorded since the last Board meeting and the updated budget. The current cash balance is \$28,360. The financials were approved unanimously.

WEBSITE STATUS

The website is operating properly and is up to date. A question was raised about the volume of monthly visitors. Mac indicated that we haven't been monitoring it month by month, but we have had over 30,000 pages viewed since the website went live earlier this year.

HARVEST SECTIONAL

Although the number of tables was down from 2015, net receipts were up due to reduced costs. November 10-12, 2017, was set as the dates for next year's Harvest Sectional. Because of its proximity in time to the San Diego NABC, it was suggested that the Board consider making the 2017 Harvest Sectional a Non-Life Master tournament, to be determined by the Board at a later date. To avoid conflicts in dates, 2018 dates should be set as soon as possible. Scott will check with ACBL.

SUN AND FUN SECTIONAL

Dates for 2018 need to be set as soon as possible, also. Scott to check with ACBL.

UNIT GAMES/UNIT GAMES IN CLUBS

Jim is finalizing a list of game dates and sanction numbers. To simplify accounting, the Unit will pay the sanction fees for the four Unit-Wide Games in Clubs next year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Three candidates have come forward so far to run for the three available seats on the Board. A discussion was held about options for structuring the election if there are only three candidates. Absentee voting will continue to be an option for all voting members.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Jane and Mac surveyed the plaques and small trophies currently in storage. They will come back to the Board next year with suggestions. One option would be “virtual” plaques that could be viewed on the website.

Nance will contact the Currie family regarding the proposed Audrey Currie Award. The Board will also consider suggestions for naming the new 299er Harvest Sectional award.

EDUCATION

Sally has joined Susan on the Education Committee. They will conduct a review of past methods of compensating beginning bridge teachers whose classes were subsidized by the Unit, to determine the optimal method for future educational support by the Unit.

Susan brought up the need for a “big picture” discussion by the Board about how to allocate and spend Unit funds throughout the year, and how much cash on hand needs to be maintained by the Unit - currently at approximately \$25,000.

COMMUNICATIONS

A proposal was made that the Chair of each Board meeting send an email to all club owners/directors directly after each Board meeting informing the owners/directors of any Board action affecting the interests of local club owners and directors. The proposal was approved unanimously.

A proposal was made that a notice of the date and time of each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board be published on the Unit website by the Communications committee at least two weeks in advance of each meeting. The proposal was approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on December 7, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Duncan Bridge Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mac Becket, Acting Secretary

Signed _____ Dated _____