

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** William Stine  
 Nance Lodge Carol Wilkinson  
 Jane Witous Shirley Gibson  
 Sandy Hertz Connie Swanson

**Board Members Excused:** Nancy Beckerman

*Also present were: Bill Dani, Treasurer, Sally Tobin secretary, Scott Magged, Bev Hartin and Nancy Erickson.*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at the Cathedral City Senior Center by President William Stine at 9:03 a.m.
2. **MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting of October 4th were read. Sandy Hertz made a motioned that they be approved, Carol Wilkinson seconded the motion and all approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Dani presented his financial reports detailing transaction made during the past month. The balance in the checking account as of November 7, 2017 was \$29,916.84. In addition, Bill has a change fund of \$325; together with deposits of \$609 made for our the Spring sectional at the Pavillion, our current total is \$29,616.84. Bill then went over the receipts for the Harvest Festival pointing out that although the table count was less this year there was a net income of \$1,749 mostly due to the reduction of director fees and related expenses. Jane made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved, it was seconded by Shirley and all approved.

During the month, President William Stine sent out an email to all board members asking for their approval to pay Bill Dani for expenses incurred in doing Unit 533's accounting. An amount of \$75 per month was suggested. The board voted unanimously by email agreeing to this amount.

4. **UNIT-WIDE GAMES:** William went over the schedule for the remainder of the year and confirmed the names of those responsible for taking care of delivering the cakes to the various clubs. Nancy Erickson volunteered to deliver the cake to Mick's new club at PGA West on November 9th. Carol and Shirley agreed to help in December. Nance said she would take care of Mick's game. Carol requested two cakes for Duncan - one for the 499 group and one for the Open. William stated that the Holiday party will take place at Duncan on Sunday, December 3. Nance Lodge indicated that she would not be in town that day and would not be able to take care of the Gift Baskets for the raffle. Sandy said he would take care of doing that. At the Unit-Wide game on December 18th, Carol Wilkinson said she would take the cakes to Cat.City.

5. **HARVEST SECTIONAL:** There appears to have been quite a few complaints about the tournament. Sandy stated that the turnout on Sunday was "embarrassing". There were complaints from the 499 group about the team games and the fact that there were not enough lower brackets for them to play in. Bev interjected that she had heard many complaints about the ear-

ly start time, which she felt could have had a lot to do with the attendance. The discussion led to the suggestion of doing a survey so the board could get a better idea as to how the tournament might be improved and attract more players. Nancy Erickson pointed out that the ACBL had some suggested surveys that could be used, and perhaps they would help emailing them out. She thought one had been done by the Unit several years ago, and would look into it. After a discussion on the timing of the tournament, it was decided that November is definitely a better time rather than the end of October, as many snowbirds are not back until November 1st. Sandy suggested we move on and continue the discussion at a future date as there were too many issues involved. William mentioned the dates have already been set for next year, Nov. 9, 10 and 11th, and also for the spring of 2019 - February 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

**6. NON-LIFE MASTER REGIONAL:** Scott mentioned that the flyers were being distributed at various tournaments and clubs in the area. There was a discussion about set-up. Evidently the Board cannot get access to the facility the night before, so the set-up group will have to be there early the morning of Thursday, January 19th. Transportation of the tables from the Synagogue was discussed and Scott will organize that, with Shirley and Barbara's help. There has been no decision about catering yet, but several suggestions were made. Posters will be taken to San Diego, and Scott requested a large cardboard Poster that could be displayed at the Nationals.

**7. SPRING SECTIONAL:** It was confirmed that this is now going to be held at the Palm Springs Pavillion. Nance questioned whether the posters had been completed. Bev gave a run-down on the expenses which Duncan would have to incur to hold the Spring Sectional at the Duncan facility, and the reasons why they had to charge so much rent. Scott said he thought it would have been beneficial to have taken a survey of those attending the Harvest Festival, and mentioned that the survey done by Barbara Gibson at last year's NLM was well received. Sandy suggested that the board hold a special meeting about tournaments in the future as there were too many issues unresolved. Nance suggested we move on and wait for the results of the email-survey. Nance will contact Jay Wipple at the ACBL and have them sent out directly. There is still no signed contract, but this is not unusual for the City of Palm Springs. Scott said the date and time are secure. There was further discussion about the printed schedule and whether there should be an asterisk (\*) by the Swiss Team games indicating the quality/quantity of the brackets saying something like "subject to player attendance", as 8 teams are needed for each bracket.

**8. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Unfortunately John Kubisty was unable to attend today's board meeting, so Jane, the committee liaison, handed out the list of nominees that John had put together, along with their bios. Nancy Erickson, representing the Election Committee, stated that John had done a phenomenal job and regretted that he is not on the ballot. Shirley Gibson made a motion to accept the slate, Connie Swanson seconded and the motion passed.

**9: ELECTION COMMITTEE:** President William Stine introduced and congratulated Nancy Erickson as having recently been elected to the board of District 22. Nancy, is representing the Election Committee in her husband Ron's absence and presented the names of the committee for the Board's approval. They are Ron Erickson, Chair, Bill & Zora Bain, Nancy Erickson and Carol McConnell. Nancy stated that she is very impressed with the work that John Kubisty has done for the Nominating Committee and all is in order. The Election will be held at the Annual Meeting on January 28th. Nancy spoke about absentee ballots. The mailing time for absentee ballots will be between January 8th and 23rd. Sandy made a motion to accept the Election

Committee as presented as well as the report given by Nancy; it was seconded by Nance Lodge and the vote passed unanimously. Bill Dani suggested that each candidate be given two minutes to introduce themselves at the Holiday Party on December 3rd. The start time of the Party was discussed and it was decided that 12 noon was a better in order to give the candidate time to talk, as well as holding the raffle. Nancy Erickson indicated that she would announce this on the unit's Web Site.

Nancy Erickson requested permission from the board to purchase two clocks for the Awards Ceremony to be held in the spring. President William Stine agreed to the purchase.

**10: EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Unfortunately Mick cannot go to the National and take part in the *Bridge-in-a-Day* class. There was a discussion as to whether he should be replaced, but it was decided to wait until a different opportunity came up. **Mentoring Program:** there appears to be a misunderstanding with the Monroes about this and Sandy suggested that a new Education Committee be established to discuss this, after the new board is seated in January 2018.

**11: FUTURE UNIT GAMES:** Bev Hartin representing the Foundation at Duncan, stated that they are no longer able to hold the Unit's three major unit games (Holiday, Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony) at Duncan at the current rent. As their expenses have gone up, they will have to pass these on to the Unit and in the future new contracts will have to be negotiated.

**12: NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Cathedral City at the Senior Center.

**13: ADJOURNMENT:** At 11.50 a.m. Jane Witous made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Carol seconded the motion and all agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally A. Tobin