

**Unit 533
Board Meeting
November 19, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Vicki Graves
Linda Hahn
Sandy Hertz
Diane Jobin
Anne Lund
Bonnie Sipkins

Absent: Paola Cohen
Chip Graves
Rob Martin

Present: Bill Dani, Treasurer

Guest: Beverly Hartin

The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Graves at 8:30 a.m.

HOLIDAY PARTY

A flyer for the December 5 event is online and has been sent to members. Mick Riccio will take reservations in advance of the game. The card fee will be \$10. Ten free play tickets will be given as door prizes. (When the free play is redeemed, Bill noted that he reimburses the clubs at the amount of \$10 each.) Vaccinations are required.

Vicki will send an e-mail blast reminder to our members within two weeks of the event. She asked everyone to continue to personally invite their friends to the game with a special emphasis on the 0-499er players who make up 70% of our unit's membership. She also asked that people register as soon as possible.

Refreshments for the party were discussed and responsibilities at the event were defined with names associated for each task.

Bill Dani said the budget for the party, assuming 18 tables, projects \$720 in revenue and \$816 for expenses with a net loss of \$96. Sandy said he would like to contribute \$500 to the Unit to help cover the costs of the event. Everyone thanked him for his generosity.

ANNUAL MEETING

Vicki recommended that this meeting take place on January 23, 2022. She said that the CVBF would rent the Duncan facility to us on the same terms as for the December 5 game. This date is included in the Unit's sanction for a STAC week so we would be able to offer silver masterpoints. The election of new Board Members takes place at this meeting. Sandy made the motion to hold the meeting on this date and Anne seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

BY-LAW REVISIONS

The proposed changes suggested by Anne & Vicki were reviewed. Predominantly, the focus was to update the by-laws to allow for electronic meetings and voting. In addition, the Nominating Committee was reduced from 5 to 3 and the Election Committee from 3 to 2 and the Board Responsibilities outlined in Article VIII were revised. A provision for the first meeting of a new Board to include carryover members for the sole purpose of electing officers was added to Article VII. Sandy complimented Vicki and Anne for their work on the bylaws and moved adoption of the revisions pending approval by the membership in January. Anne seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The proposed revisions to the bylaws will be posted to the Unit website 45 days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

BOARD ELECTIONS STATUS

The candidates for the Unit Board need to be posted 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting. The three openings will be the positions held by Sandy, Anne, & Paola. Diane has several potential candidates but encouraged board members to help identify others. Vicki said that Kay Walters had agreed to be the Election Chair and had done this in the past.

SUN AND FUN SECTIONAL FEBRUARY 18-19, 2022

The flyer has been sent to ACBL for approval. Arleen Harvey has been appointed as the Director in Charge. Bill noted that our projected costs may be higher because she lives in Seattle. Vicki said she will follow-up with Barbara

Maniscalco who had offered last month to see if ACBL would allow us to have a local director as the Assistant DIC—i.e. a reduction in costs if one director is local.

STAC WEEK JANUARY 17-23, 2022

A number of decisions need to be made about this silver masterpoints event related to each club's interest in participating and the fees to be charged. A status will be provided at or before the next meeting.

MINUTES

October's Unit Board Meeting minutes were approved via electronic vote and posted to the website after that meeting.

FINANCIALS

Sandy moved we approve the financials provided by Treasurer, Bill Dani. Diane second the motion and all voted in favor.

MEMBERSHIP ADDENDUM:

The Unit has 898 members as of 10/31/22. This compares to 851 last month and 813 the month prior.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Diane Jobin is in charge of hospitality at the upcoming Palm Springs Regional Tournament and has volunteers lined up. Nance Lodge has need of other volunteers and people who are available should contact her.

NEXT MEETING

Given calendar issues related to both the regional tournament and the holidays, it was agreed that our next meeting will be on Friday, January 7, 2022, at 8:30 via Zoom. Decisions that need attention prior to that will be communicated electronically. Sandy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Anne seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectively submitted, Bonnie Sipkins, Secretary