

## **Unit 533 November Board Meeting-11/16/23**

### **Board Members Present:**

Diane Jobin

Diana Seeb

Deann Young

Ann Carter

Rob Martin

Kathy Kroll

Barb Wegener

Sandy Young

Acting President: Vicki Graves

Treasurer: Bill Dani

Guests: Guy Brackett

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am at the Duncan Bridge Center. Minutes from the October Board meeting had been approved electronically.

Vicki welcomed new board member Kathy who replaced Valerie.

### **HARVEST SECTIONAL:**

The tournament was very successful. We had 147 tables: 82 on Friday and 65 on Saturday both over the 60/day budgeted. After expenses we have a Net of almost \$3400. Concern was expressed that we still have not received payment from ACBL of approximately \$4700 owed.

The Board thanked Guy and the Foundation for providing the facility.

Discussion held about using credit cards only and whether they are charging fees.

It was mentioned that we had good success with the team games.

Discussion about using the “harvest” name also occurred.

### **HOLIDAY PARTY: December 3, 2023**

We will send out an email blast the day after Thanksgiving. Ann reported that regarding refreshments she will put up signup sheets for volunteers to bring salads, etc. Raffle tickets will be provided and put in an envelope on each table. Prizes will include: gift certificates, gift basket, wine, restaurant certificates, and copies of the book “The Devils Tickets”.

Diane reported we need more flyers. It was suggested we provide country clubs in the area with flyers.

Since after this year we can’t use local Directors for Sectionals, it was suggested we make it a Regional rather than a Sectional. We need to analyze whether to make the change.

### **SUN & FUN SECTIONAL: February 16-17, 2024**

An idea was presented to check out having a Pizza truck.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Diana reported there were possibly 42 “Lapsed Members”. She reported that there’s a tool on line to

contact members on the list. If a member is set up with auto payment and then change your credit card or if it expires, it won't accept your new card and rejects your renewal. Consequently, it might not be accurate that there were 42.

### **AWARDS:**

Discussion was held about how to grow game, especially among newer players. Purpose of the WIN award is to grow newcomer participation in bridge. Presently, there is \$4,000 in the account. One idea was to give out free plays to members of country clubs in the area and perhaps new players attending Mick's bridge classes.

Also important to revamp Awards presentation to speed it up.

### **ELECTIONS:**

Rob and Kathy will look into Bylaw changes, electronic voting, and updating Bylaws. Randy is serving as Nominating Chair.

### **EDUCATION:**

Mick is teaching a 3 hour class for on defense to intermediate players. Cliff's class is on hold.

### **FINANCIALS:**

Bill presented the updated budget for the remainder of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am. The next meeting will be **Thursday January 18 @ 10:30 am at the Duncan Bridge Center.**

Submitted by: Barb Wegener, Secretary