

MINUTES

Board Members Present:	Nance Lodge	David Kane
	Bill Dani	Jane Witous
	Jim Weeks	William Stine
	Bill Berke	Jim Lopes
	Darryl Hendershot	
Unit Members Present:	Scott Magged	Darren Scott Palmer
	Don Freeland	Dick Prochnow
	Nancy Erickson	David Lodge

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was held at Coco's Restaurant, and was called to order by Nance at 9:30 a.m.
2. **UNIT MEMBERS' COMMENTS:** Scott Magged read a statement of appreciation of the efforts of the Board. David Lodge was congratulated for his election as first alternate to the National ACBL Board.
3. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the meeting held on August 18, 2015 were read and approved by unanimous vote.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Dani handed our copies of the financials for the past two months and for the nine months ending September 30, 2015, and presented the Treasurer's report. A motion to approve the report was passed unanimously. Bill also noted that Merle Friedman had audited the Unit's Financial Statements for the Twelve Months ended December 31, 2014, with no negative comments. Nance asked David Kane to send a message of thanks to Merle on behalf of the Board.
5. **WEBSITE STATUS:** Bill Berke stated that Tom Lund was now fully trained on the Website (99%+), and that there had been over 4000 hits on the website over the last month. There was discussion about the difficulty of identifying NAP qualifiers with 100% accuracy, and a suggestion that a printout of the game showing a "Q" after the player's name was the best proof.
6. **REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON UNIT GAMES:** This committee, composed of Jim Weeks, Nancy Erickson and William Stine, presented a very thorough proposal for 24 Unit games and 4 Charity games in 2016: Two membership games (at the Annual Meeting on Sunday January 31, 2016 and at the Awards Program on Sunday, April 3, 2016) were proposed, both hosted by the Unit and offered at the Duncan Bridge Center. One Dual Site Holiday game (at Mizell and DBC) on Saturday, December 3, 2016 was proposed. Two NAP Qualifier games, simultaneously held at Mizell and DBC on Saturday, June 4, 2016, and at Temple Isaiah and DBC on June 16, 2016 were proposed. One GNT Qualifier game, an extended team event, to be held at DBC on October 29 and 30, 2016, was proposed. Two Unit Wide games

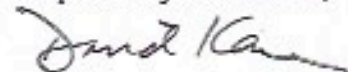
(requiring participation by 3 clubs with a minimum of 5 tables to participate), to be held on Tuesday March 8 and Thursday March 17, 2016, were proposed. It was noted that the Palms Springs Bridge Club, DBC, Mick's Bridge Club, Mimi's Bridge Club and Cove Community Bridge Club had expressed interest in participating. The 24 dates for Unit Games were available to all Clubs holding games on the dates selected (1/6,1/31, 2/9, 2/13, 3/8, 3/12, 4/3, 4/18, 5/14, 5/27, 6/11, 6/16, 7/10, 7/25, 8/14, 8/31, 9/11, 9/27, 10/9, 10/22-23, 11/12, 11/30, 12/3 and 12/29. The Unit would only provide food for the major events on 1/31, 4/3, 10/22-23 and 12/3. The Report of the Committee was lauded and unanimously approved by vote of the Board.

7. PLANNING FOR SECOND TRANCHE OF PROPOSED BYLAWS

AMENDMENTS: David Kane outlined the timeline and process for the second tranche of proposed Bylaws changes. January 31, 2016 was selected as the Annual Meeting date at which voting on the proposed amendments would take place; therefore, advance notice of the meeting and its agenda including election of directors and proposed bylaws amendments must be given not later than December 15, 2015, in accordance with the current Bylaws. Names of director nominees, either proposed by the Nominating Committee or as otherwise allowed by the current Bylaws, must be identified no later than December 1 in order to be included in the Annual Meeting Notice and placed on absentee ballots. An Election Committee needs to be appointed to issue absentee ballots, count ballots and certify a quorum at the Annual Meeting, and Nance reported that Nancy and Ron Erickson have again agreed to serve, and would contact Ross Grabel to ascertain his availability to serve again as well. It was suggested that notice to the Unit's members of methods of nominating director candidates beyond that of the Nominating Committee's slate should be posted on the Unit website, and David committed to creating that verbiage for Bill to post. The possibility of a Town Hall meeting to discuss the proposed amendments was also discussed. Finally, an annual meeting notice, absentee ballots to vote for directors and a ballot to vote on the proposed amendments need to be created. The Board discussed and chose not to include the requirement of Board meetings to be held in a public place as a proposed Bylaws amendment, noting, however, that doing so was desirable. The Board then unanimously passed a resolution stating as follows: "WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Unit 533, Palm Springs, CA, of the American Contract Bridge League, in accordance with the recommendations of its Special Committee formed to review and propose revisions to the Unit's By-Laws, as synopsisized in Exhibit A attached to this resolution, desires to propose the following amendments to the By-Laws of Unit 533: BE IT RESOLVED, that the By-Laws of Unit 533, Palm Springs, CA, of the American Contract Bridge League, be proposed to be amended as follows: 1. All language stricken through in the copy of the Unit's current By-Laws attached this resolution as Exhibit B shall be deleted. 2. All language underlined in the copy of the Unit's current By-Laws attached as Exhibit B to this resolution shall be added."

8. **FALL SECTIONAL:** Discussion was held re the need for reservations, and it was noted that the Saturday morning attendance might exceed the capacity of DBC. Nance appointed a committee of herself, Bill Dani and Darryl to hold further discussions with the CVBF to create a plan to accommodate overflow attendance at other locations nearby, including the provision of tables and chairs. Meal food will be handled by CVBF, snacks by the Unit (William). Hospitality by Jane and Sally.
9. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Committee selected by Jane Witous, Board liaison, composed of Marsha Krashaur, Barbara Maniscalco, John Newburger, Darren Scott Palmer and Jane herself, was unanimously approved by Board resolution. Jane will convene a meeting of the committee for it to select its Chairperson, and a slate of nominees is to be created as soon as possible but no later than the end of November.
10. **EDUCATION:** Two elementary school classes are beginning under the direction of Alex McCune and Steven Weiss.
11. **NLM REGIONAL:** This event will be held at the Pavilion in Palm Springs on January 21-24, and planning, advertising and other communications are in progress. It is being co-hosted by the Unit and District 22, which will pay expenses up front, share profits with the Unit but absorb any losses itself.
12. **SPRING SECTIONAL:** Darryl Hendershot and Scott Magged, with assistance from Bill Dani, are in charge of arrangements for this event, which will be held at the Palm Springs Convention Center in February, 2016. There was discussion whether to reconsider the location (to DBC), however since the cancellation fees would exceed \$4000, this possibility was dismissed. Assuming the February time frame is an improvement over March last year (conflicting with BNP Paribas tennis tournament) and with improved advertising/marketing, it was hoped the financial result would be much improved over last year and that attendance would be up as well.
13. **TIME CLOCKS:** The Board voted to deny Shadow Hills' request for a clock because it doesn't hold open games. The Board also voted to discontinue the practice of giving clocks to clubs, prospectively.
14. **OTHER BUSINESS:** The Directors voted individually on District 22's proposal to effect term limits on their directors. David Lodge requested support and attendance at the December Regional on Saturday December 19 at a District Ceremony. Darryl Hendershot presented a document defining the primary functions of running tournaments for Unit 533.
15. **NEXT MEETING:** by a 5-3 vote with Jane Witous abstaining, it was agreed the next meeting would be held at DBC at 9:30 a.m. on November 3, 2015.
16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board retired to a brief executive session.

Respectfully submitted,



David Kane, Secretary