

MINUTES

Board Members Present: William Stine
Nance Lodge Carol Wilkinson
Jane Witous Shirley Gibson
Sandy Hertz (by phone)

Board Members Excused: Nancy Beckerman and Connie Swanson

Also present were: Bill Dani, Treasurer, Sally Tobin secretary, Scott Magged, Carol Monroe.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at the Cathedral City Senior Center by President William Stine at 9:05 a.m. Vice President, Sandy Hertz joined the meeting by phone.

2. **MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting of September 13th were read. Nance Lodge made a motioned that they be approved, Carol Wilkinson seconded the motion it was approved unanimously.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Bill Dani presented his financial reports detailing transaction made during the past month. He pointed out a deposit made to the Pavillion for the Spring Sectional and the second installment paid to Cello's for catering the lunches at the Harvest Festival Tournament. The balance in the checking account as of September 13, 2017 was \$26,702.66. The budget had some changes reflecting an increase in the Educational line. The total income for the year will show a deficit of \$928.49, assuming the tournament attendance numbers are correct. Bill is forwarding the September financial report to Mac Becket to upload to the Unit's website. He also announced that he has bought new software - *Quicken* - to assist in doing the Unit's accounting and will pass this on to the next Treasurer. Shirley made a motion to approve the report, Nance seconded the motion and all approved.

4. **HARVEST SECTIONAL:** Tournament Manager, Scott Magged reported that everything was in place. All the boards are being readied and a Caddie has been hired. Scott stated that he will be available Friday to help with the set up, as well as out during the day. He reminded the board that he would not be available either Saturday or Sunday. William reported that there were 30 lights that still needed repair at Duncan and asked about the status of that. Sandy said he had spoken to Bev who assured him that they will be taken care of in time for the tournament. Cellos Catering have stated that they need their second payment before the day of the event; Bill Dani said he is taking care of that. Bill then noted that he might not be at the tournament early Friday and Saturday morning to take care of entry fees, but the poster signs for lunch will be up and ready. William said he would be there to fill in, if needed. As far as the boards are concerned, Scott reiterated that he will have enough made up for the weekend, and a few extra for Sunday, anticipating mostly team games on the last day. Scott also mentioned that he has coordinated with ACBL directors Scott Campbell and Arlene Harvey and they are both ready to go. He then mentioned that ACBL should be reminded to send out an email blast advertising the Harvest Sectional the week before. William announced that he expects all board members to be present at Duncan at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, October 27th, to help with the set up.

There was a discussion about bringing extra chairs. Carol and Nance both offered to bring some in case they are needed. Duncan has several extra tables that can be used if necessary. There was a discussion about attendance, and the affect it had when other clubs in the Valley were open. Nance wanted to go on record that she was unhappy that some clubs were holding games during the tournament.

5. NON-LIFE MASTER REGIONAL: A discussion ensued about the uncomfortable white plastic chairs that were used at the Pavillion; whether or not it was worth the Unit buying or renting different chairs. Scott said he would look into possibility of negotiating with the City (Palm Springs). Shirley suggested perhaps just buying cushions might help. Nance will look into that. Bill said renting would add to the expense of running the tournament, and make the overall cost as high as Duncan. If chairs are purchased, there's the problem with storage, unless the Pavillion would store them, but then they would have the use of them for other events. Scott will discuss this with David Lodge. Carol asked if the contract had been signed. No - the Pavillion was still waiting for approval, apparently it all takes time. Bill said the deposit has been made, and he has the Certificate of Insurance that is needed. William said he would email all board members as soon as he received the signed contract. Nance asked about the parking facility and wondered whether there were any other events going on in the area at the same time. William, answered that as far as he knew there were not.

6. DIRECTOR'S REFRESHER COURSE Scott has arranged for Arlene Harry to give a course on ACBL's new Laws of Duplicate Bridge. It is being held at the Cathedral City Senior Center tonight (October 4th) at 5:30 p.m. Scott said he is expecting between 15 and 20 people and is serving Pizza. He asked the board to come and help with refreshments. Carol questioned whether he could give a similar course to newer players, so that they could learn the rules and etiquette for bridge. Bill said he needs a receipt for the check made out to Arlene Harvey for her fee and travel expenses and a separate receipt from Scott for the food.

7. UNIT GAMES: William went over the schedule for delivering cakes to the clubs participating in the Unit Games. Carol and Shirley agreed to help in October; Nance will do Mick's game in November, and Carol will take care of Duncan.

8. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jane Witous stated that she has nothing new to report. The application forms have been prepared and the committee is working hard to attract new potential board members. She has asked club directors to make announcements at club games and hand out applications.

9: EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Karol Monroe was invited to speak about a Mentoring Program she is starting in the Valley, and is asking for the Unit's help in getting the word out to the Valley's club owners encouraging their participation. She said that this program had been very successful in Houston, and the Washington area, and she gave a brief presentation along with hand-outs explaining the program. Sandy liked the idea of Mentoring; he said it would create the sort of the environment where newer players felt more comfortable playing at a higher level. It was suggested that a meeting of all the club owners might be held where Karol could give her presentation. Nance Lodge asked if Karol Monroe would be interested in heading up the Education Committee. Karol replied that she was unable to at the moment but would be happy to work with the committee to set up the Mentoring Program. There was a discussion about having the Unit subsidize the program so that mentors did not have to pay card fees, and there followed various suggestions as to how the program would be instituted. William said he would

email Karol's presentation to the 299's group to see what kind of reception it got. Nance Lodge made a motion that the board approve Karol's Mentoring Program without giving any financial commitment at the present time. The board would revisit the idea in the near future. Carol Wilkinson seconded the motion and all approved.

11. GNP/NAP: William said he has received an email requested from the Foundation (Duncan) regarding a Swiss Team Game subsidy. Sandy mentioned that he had also had a conversation with Bev's about this. William stated that the Board had previously agreed to subsidize one GNP/NAP game per year at each club. As long as a club hasn't already had one, there is no need for a formal request for this subsidy. If the club meets the criteria as set forth by the Unit's Board, a reimbursement will be made. We do not need a motion to approve. Carol Wilkinson said she would send Bev. an email to confirm this reiterating the board's policy, so there is no question in the future.

11: NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was schedule for Wednesday, November 8th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Cathedral City at the Senior Center.

12: ADJOURMENT: At 10:55 a.m. Jane Witous made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Carol seconded the motion and all agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally A. Tobin