

## ACBL UNIT 533 BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 21, 2022

### Attending:

- Vicki Graves
- Linda Hahn
- Diane Jobin
- Rob Martin
- Ellie Pynes
- Barb Wegener
- Bill Dani

### Absent:

- Bonnie Sipkins
- Deann Young
- Sandy Young

### Guests:

Guy Brackett & Sean Lui

### Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9am at the Duncan Bridge Center.

*Minutes from the 8/26/22 meeting were approved electronically before the meeting.*

*The appointment of Ellie Pynes to the board as a replacement for Chip Graves had been approved electronically before the meeting.*

*A follow-up to the July correspondence from District 22 which requested a Goodwill nomination from our unit was provided via email. Our area's representative on the District Board, Barbara Maniscalco, advised us that she had nominated Vicki Graves for the award. As a result, the unit board did not act on this request.*

*The following record of the Sanction #'s for our upcoming tournaments was provided electronically:*

- *November 11-12, 2022 Harvest Sectional: #2211321*

- *January 13-14, 2023 I/N (0-499) Sectional: #2301356*
- *February 17-18, 2023 Sun & Fun Sectional: # 2302313*
- *November 10-11, 2023 Harvest Sectional: #2311311*

Bill Dani reviewed the Unit financials as of 9/30/22. There is \$21,653 in our operating account and \$14,290 in the WIN account. Bill is currently projecting a slight budget deficit for 2022 but the actual results of the sectional and holiday party could sway that projection.

Ellie reported that she had approached several vendors about underwriting a lunch for the **DECEMBER 4 Holiday Party** in exchange for exposure for their restaurant, but the most promising one had a conflict that day. All thought this was a great idea in that the cost of catering our luncheons has historically been too high to be a viable option. Ellie also suggested that vendors might be willing to offer donations that which could be purchased with raffle tickets to add either revenue or fun to the event. Bill noted that we had used raffle tickets for free plays in the past. Ellie & Vicki will further discuss ideas for the party before the next meeting.

Linda reviewed the plans for the upcoming **Harvest Sectional on NOVEMBER 11-12**. She said she had focused on the discussion at the last meeting about making the event fun—adding Mick Riccio & Bob Price as greeters/vaccine checkers on Friday and David Goetz on Saturday, and Scott Magged as the emcee. She suggested that Scott could give out 15 \$10 gift cards to Subway or Starbucks each morning (“Lunch is on Us”). Ideas for proof of vaccine were also discussed. Randy Bissett will be the Partnership Chair and Barb Wegener is coordinating snacks. Diane agreed to help and Vicki said she could be a back door greeter. Bill Dani will be the caddie on Saturday afternoon.

The reservation process ([bridgeunit533@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeunit533@gmail.com)) has been little used so far. An email blast did go out to surrounding units via Pianola (“Take the I10 to Silver”) and more will go out before the tournament. The flyers were distributed to the Riverside sectional & Ventura regional and local clubs. Duncan is running banner ads on their BBO games. Vicki emphasized that each of us needs to be reaching out to friends and family to invite them to play and should plan to play as much as possible. She commented that our projection of 110 tables is 50% of pre-COVID but still requires 28 tables at each of the 4 sessions.

Linda next reported on the **Sun & Fun Sectional on FEBRUARY 17-18, 2023**. She said that, although it would be great to see how some of the ideas we are trying in November work before we make decisions on this tournament, the flyer needs to be sent to ACBL for approval before that. We discussed the card fee at the traditional \$12 rather than \$10 and there was support for the idea that \$12 would not be a deterrent. There was discussion as to whether to offer team games at all sessions or maybe just both afternoons. (Vicki noted that historically about 25% of our table counts were from team games.) It was agreed that we would submit the flyer with \$12 as the game fee & with team games at all sessions. Both items can be edited after the November event and we can add speaker information as well. It was also noted that with information from our November tournament, we can again apply to ACBL for an exception to needing two of their directors.

ACBL has approved the **I/N 0-499er Sectional for JANUARY 13-14, 2023**. Vicki said that this is not a “NLM tournament”—i.e., a Life Master with less than 499Mps can play. She added that 538 of our members (70%) fall into this category and that number will go up as our snowbirds return. Diane reported on the plans to date: Sean Lui & Randy Bissett will be the directors, Mick Riccio will be the partnership chair, the event will be held at Duncan, game times will be at 9am & 2pm, Karol Monroe will be one of the speakers, and a \$10 game fee is recommended. A flyer needs to be developed quickly for release to ACBL. Pianola was discussed as the method in which we can send out publicity to our targeted audience (0-499er) as well as to surrounding areas.

In regard to the upcoming unit board elections, Randy Bissett and Chip Graves will serve as the Nominating Committee and Rob is the board's liaison. There appear to be three candidates as of this date.

As a follow-up to our last meeting, Vicki said that Diane & Deann were working on an updated Education plan for 2023. Possibly that can be discussed at our next meeting.

Vicki suggested that the next meeting be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> (possibly 11/30). That will be finalized via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.