

Unit 533 October Board Meeting-10/19/23

Board Members Present:

Diane Jobin
Diana Seeb
Deann Young
Barb Wegener
Ann Carter

Absent:

Valerie Katz
Rob Martin
Sandy Young

Acting President: Vicki Graves
Treasurer: Bill Dani

Guests:

Sean Lui
Guy Brackett

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

Vicki reported that Valerie currently has too many conflicting commitments in her life and is unable to commit to the Unit Board. The Board agreed to pursue a replacement for the remainder of Valerie's term, which ends in early 2026.

FALL HARVEST SECTIONAL: November 10-11, 2023

Given that we no longer have a Tournament Coordinator, Vicki will do publicity and general administration with the help of Diane and Ann's leadership on refreshments. Ann requested that an email blast be sent out requesting homemade cookies etc. to supplement

what we buy & Vicki will do so. Deann will pick up donuts for Saturday morning's session. Sean will contact Ken Horwedel who is the DIC for the event to determine what he might need and how we might help expedite the registration process. (It was reported that we cannot use Entry Express as the system is down for the rest of the year.) Vicki asked that all board members invite people to play as the number of tables is key to financial success. In addition, we need people to be available to play if someone needs a partner. Duncan will provide coffee, plates, napkins, etc. \$360.00 has been budgeted for refreshments.

NON-LIFE MASTER SECTIONAL: January 12-13, 2024

This tournament will be a memorial to Scott Magged. It was agreed that the card fee would be \$12. Diane will serve as Tournament Coordinator. She said that the team games in play on Saturday afternoon in 2023 had been removed from the 2024 plan. She was also planning more advertising than for the 0-499er sectional in 2023.

SUN & FUN SECTIONAL: February 16-17, 2024

The format will be Open & Limited pairs in the mornings and afternoons with Swiss teams both afternoons. A card fee of \$14 was approved by the Board.

The DIC for the tournament will be Brandon Sheumaker and Sean Lui will be the second. Additionally, on Friday & Saturday afternoons, ACBL will require a 3rd director given the anticipated table counts. John Coloumbe has been assigned. Diane Jobin and Diana Seeb volunteered to be Tournament Co-Chairs. Bill will caddie Saturday. Need a caddie for Friday.

EDUCATION:

Deann presented an application for a District 22 education grant on behalf of Cliff Goodridge. She said Cliff planned to offer a course for beginning and intermediate bridge students on play of the hand and defense. A \$500 grant will be submitted to District 22 for funding. The Board concurred with the submission.

HOLIDAY PARTY: December 3, 2023

Discussion was held on ideas to get more people to participate. It was suggested we give out raffle tickets for gift cards. Ann will get gift cards. Diane will check Costco for availability on meat platters, etc. Barb will be in charge of plates, etc. Vicki will do a flyer.

ANNUAL AWARDS AND ELECTIONS GAME: March 17, 2024

The date for this event has been set for March 17. Sandy has agreed to work with Rob on how to re-vamp the awards presentations. Vicki said she would find a coordinator for the Elections.

MEMBERSHIP:

Discussion was held on how to get younger people and those still playing online to play face to face again. One idea was to invite/encourage friends still playing online to come to the Holiday party, etc. The scheduling flexibility of today's work at home environment might also enable people still working to learn to play bridge.

FINANCIALS:

Bill had sent all board members projections on the financials for the NLM & S&F Sectionals before the meeting. Those were used as a basis for decisions on card fees. Bill also reviewed the Unit's Financials through the 3rd quarter and those were approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55am. The next meeting will be **Thursday November 16 @ 10:30 am at the Duncan Bridge Center.**

Submitted by:
Barb Wegener, Secretary