

ACBL Unit 539 Board Meeting
May 8, 2023

Present: Jane Petering, Lamy Agelidis, John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Greg Chaffee, Sam Madison, Marjorie O'Malley, Bridget Poizner, Robin Rodger, Wayne Sottosanti. **Absent:** none.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M.

- **Minutes of March 12, 2023 Board Meeting.**
 - Motion to approve was put to vote. Minutes approved.
- **Unit Game format**
 - The Board confirmed that the present format (Open and Limited) with one Director and lessons for the limited game players will stay as is for the foreseeable future.
- **TLD Update**
 - The Fundraiser was introduced at our regional in Apr.
 - The flier is ready and the e-blast will be sent out this week.
 - It was agreed that we will have one F2F game only on Sunday June 18. Hospitality will be pizza and salad.
- **Board Members**
 - The following board members whose term ends this year have agreed to stay on for another term:
 - Lamy Agelidis
 - Jane Petering
 - Kathy Byrne
 - Wayne Sottosanti
 - Sam Madison
- **Annual Membership meeting and party**
 - May 21st is the agreed date.
 - Pizza and salad will be served.
 - The Ace of Clubs and Mckinney awards will be presented during this game.
- **Hospitality Chair**
 - It was agreed that we will rotate responsibility for buying food among the board members. Bridget will handle the next game (May 21st)
 - Sam will be responsible for bringing soda and ice.

- **Covid Policy**

- The ACBL has issued new guidelines stating Proof of Vaccination will still be required with optional masks at the Nationals but that Districts/Units/Clubs can decide their own policy.
- D22 has voted to remove the need for proof of vaccination but optional masks policy is still in place and masks must be used at tables where any of the players requires it.
- The Board voted in favour of following D22 policy effective immediately for all our unit games and sectionals.

- **Next Sectional**

- The next sectional will be held jointly with La Jolla unit on August 11 and 12 at Soledad Club.
- We will need to change the start time to allow for setup tasks. Start time to be discussed during the next meeting with La Jolla.
- A planning meeting with La Jolla board is scheduled. Lamy asked for other board members to attend that meeting with her.
- Lamy will check and report as to the ACBL policy regarding tables spacing. Based on that, we can decide how many tables we can accommodate and whether we will need the room downstairs.

- **Education Update**

- Sam asked the board to clarify what information is still needed before he can submit a funding request to the ACBL for the “Bridge in a day” program.
- We have the following initiatives in progress:
 - North University Community Library.
 - Wayne introduced Sam to the Library management team.
 - They are interested in starting a bridge teaching program. They will advertise it within their community. We have also received interest from some players within Unit 539 who wish to attend.
 - First session will be held on June 10 at 13:00 till 15:00 at the library. Thereafter we will decide how many and how long will the program take. Books will be obtained from the ACBL and the lessons and use of space will be at no cost to the participants.
 - Jewish Community Center
 - Sam contacted the JCC and established that they are interested in having bridge lessons.

- The manager in charge (Melanie Rubin) is on vacation and is due back May 22nd. Sam will contact her thereafter and discuss the logistics.
- Bishop School
 - Need a contact person. Wayne and Robin will coordinate and let Sam know.

- **Next Board Meeting tentative date: June 25th, 2023 at 9:45am.**

Respectfully submitted: Sam Madison - Secretary