

Next meeting: Sunday October 2nd at 11:00 AM at **Adventures in Bridge**
ACBL – San Diego Unit 539
August 21, 2016

Board Members Present: Lamya Agelidis, Tom Herzog, Vicki Creamer, Barb Holles, John Boackle, Carolyn Casey, Gigette Caldwell, Mike Koscielski and Kathy Byrne.

Board Member Absent: Marty Roth.

President – Lamya called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved and circulated by email. Minutes will be posted on the Unit website, and the old minutes on the website will be archived.

New Business:

- 1. Summer Sectional Post Event Report:** Lamya reported on the Summer Sectional. She thanked the board members and volunteers for their efforts to make the Sectional a success:
 - **Table Count:** John reported the table count for the Summer Sectional was 285. The table count was above last year's Sectionals and this year's Spring Sectional. The increase was in 299er and 1499er field; the Open field is in decline.
 - **Hospitality:** Lamya reported that we fortunately changed the food count from 150 to 117. We ordered a third too much food.
 - **Logistics:** Lamya reported that event logistics went smoothly. Setting up and breaking down was easier since it was the second time we hosted the event at Marina Village.
 - **Financial:** Barb reported on the preliminary finances from the Summer Sectional. The estimated event profit is \$250.00.
 - **Stratifications:** Gigette reported that we need to contact the ACBL Director in charge of our next Sectional to confirm the stratifications. For future Sectionals, the Open field stratification is proposed as: 0-2000, 2000-4000, 4000-plus.
 - **Volunteers:** Gigette reported that she had no problem recruiting volunteers as Greeters for three days of the Sectional. It was determined that we need to get more volunteers involved in addition to having signup sheets. Vicki offered to publicize it in the Forum.
 - **Key Objective:** John reminded the board that hosting sectionals is to benefit the players regardless of the financial profit.

2. Non Life Master Sectional:

Mike updated and reviewed the NLM Sectional planning worksheet with the board. He reported that the committee is doing a good job getting publicity out at numerous bridge clubs. The committee is planning on 30-35 tables at the NLM Sectional. Mike is in the process of recruiting volunteers to help at the Sectional. The Board complimented Mike for doing a great job coordinating and reporting on the event's progress.

3. Preliminary 2017 Calendar, including Fifth Sunday Decision:

Preliminary 2017 Calendar: John is in the process of coordinating the 2017 calendar and discussed several variables. He made a proposal to run two charity games; one for the ACBL Education Foundation and one for a local charity. *Monarch School* is this year's beneficiary; next year it will be *Meals on Wheels*. The majority of our games are unit championship games. Additionally, the unit runs Membership and Unit Appreciation games, which offer the highest level of points that gives back to our members. John is researching the difference in points given at STaC games.

Fifth Sundays: La Jolla Unit is scheduled for two games (Jan-July), and we are scheduled for three games (April, October, December) in 2017. Lamya suggested hosting the holiday party in conjunction with the Fifth Sunday in December 2017. Vicki suggested giving out promotional calendars with a schedule of the unit games.

4. Unit Swiss Team Boards:

Lamya requested that we check the cards in the Swiss Team Boards and replace the damaged cards with new cards.

5. Change of Date for Board Meeting:

The Board agreed to change the September 18th meeting to October 2nd, 2016.

6. Update Communication of Bylaws Revisions:

Lamya prepared the copy for the email blast outlining the proposed revisions. Vicki will be assisting John by getting the postcards printed and distributed to any members that do not have email addresses.

Standing Reports:

Vice President's Report.

See Preliminary 2017 Calendar above.

Treasurer's Report.

At the end of July, the Unit had \$10, 256.79 in the checking account and \$17,573.00 in the savings account.

Unit Manager's Report.

All of our 2016 games are now sanctioned per our schedule, including the charity game the first Sunday of November for the Monarch School. John is drafting the 2017 calendar, which will be available at the October meeting.

Membership Report.

The current membership is 709.

Publicity Report.

No report.

Hospitality Report.

No report.

Awards Report.

No report.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Byrne, Secretary

Attachment: Suggested Hospitality Shopping List