

Board Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2019
ACBL San Diego Unit 539

Board Members Present: Lanya Agelidis, John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Carolyn Casey, Sam Madison, Pete Moyer, Wendy Vaughn Platt, Stuart Showalter, Marge Van Hemert, and Wayne Sottosanti

Board Members Absent: None

Invited Guest: Blake Schwartzbach

Call to order: 10:40 am.

New Business:

1. **Approval of Minutes and Financials:** Minutes and financial reports had been circulated by email and were approved unanimously.
2. **Recap of Summer Sectional.** The table count and financial results from the summer sectional tournament were reviewed, and they showed a minimal decrease from last year. The change to a Thursday – Saturday schedule seemed to be successful, so it was voted unanimously to move future summer and spring sectionals to those days. John has notified ACBL of these date changes.
3. **District 22 Elections:** Ballots for electing the District 22 Board of Governors were distributed and the votes collected. Stuart will take care of returning all completed ballots to ACBL.
4. **Venues for Unit Games:** The Soledad Club is offering us a one-year contract with a no-penalty, 30-day cancellation clause to begin September 1. It was voted unanimously to accept their offer. We will continue to explore other options and after the first of the year will look into Soledad's availability for the December 2020 games.
5. **Venue for September 1:** The September 1 game this year will be held in Escondido unless there is significant negative feedback from the membership today. The Tribute Trophy game will be moved to September 15.
6. **Education Update:** Blake Schwartzbach reported on efforts to start classes at UCSD and elsewhere for beginners. No action required.
7. **Juniors program:** Sam and Wendy gave an update on their efforts to contact schools about the juniors program. Some progress has been made, but until schools are back in session full time nothing can be finalized. They will work with Blake to coordinate education efforts
8. **Fee Schedule:** It was decided that the game fee On September 29 will be \$5 for players who joined ACBL between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019.
9. **Size of the 1499er Game:** Reasons for the small turnout at the 1499er game were discussed as well as whether to change that back to a 999er game. Stuart and Wendy will get feedback from players in that game today and will report back.
10. **Plans for Election Process:** Sam raised a question about the status of revising the bylaws for the 2020 election. Pete and Stuart will report back at the next meeting with an action plan. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Showalter

Stuart Showalter, Secretary

Next meeting: Sunday, Sept. 15