

Board Meeting Minutes – Jan. 19, 2020
ACBL San Diego Unit 539

Board Members Present: John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Sam Madison, Pete Moyer, Jane Petering, Wendy Vaughn Platt, Stuart Showalter, Wayne Sottosanti

Board Members Absent: Lamy Agelidis

Call to order: 10:30 a.m.

New Business:

1. **Minutes and Financials.** The minutes of the November meeting and the November and December financial statements were approved unanimously. Some discussion ensued regarding how to keep expenses down. We will continue to monitor the cost of hospitality and other items.
2. **Dates/locations for the 2020 NLM Sectional.** Various options are being considered for the fall NLM Sectional. It is currently scheduled for October 16-17 with alternate dates of October 9-10. These options will be discussed further with the La Jolla JCC.
3. **Summer Sectional.** An alternate site for the Summer Sectional is being considered.
4. **Appreciation Party Recap.** The Appreciation Party was well received by all who attended. Some suggestions for next year include starting the meal line earlier, handing out table assignments as people register, and providing an alternative (such as fruit) to the sweet desserts. It was noted that the Soledad Club might not be available next year on the same weekend, so a different date or venue may be necessary. It was suggested that January 17 might be preferable.
5. **Junior Bridge Program.** The Navy program will begin this coming Tuesday at Coronado, and the program at McKinley Elementary School begins January 23 with David Abelow teaching. It was unanimously agreed to provide David with seven free plays in return for the seven sessions he will teach. Sam and Wendy are looking for a second school where bridge can be taught, and they are looking for other teachers as well.
6. **Bylaws Revision Update.** Stuart reported that all is ready for the vote on a new set of bylaws to be held February 16. The notice has been posted at the clubs and on the Unit website, in compliance with current bylaws.
7. **Swiss Boards Refresh.** The duplicate boards used at our sectionals for Swiss teams games need to be refurbished. Pete will set up a “work party” to accomplish this task. Jane, Sam, and Stuart agreed to help.
8. **e-Blasts.** The cost of the Pianola software to send e-Blasts turns out to be less than we anticipated. Subject to confirmation of the cost, it was unanimously agreed to contract with that service. Pete and Kathy will follow up.
9. **SDBC Special Game Request.** San Diego Bridge Club plans to hold a special game on the evening of September 23, and ACBL has asked whether the Unit has any objection. We do not, and we wish that club well with the game.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Showalter

Stuart Showalter, Secretary

Next meeting date: Sunday, February 16, 2020