

Next meeting: Sunday February 19th at 11:00 AM at **Adventures in Bridge**
ACBL – San Diego Unit 539
January 15, 2017

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

Board Member Absent: Gidgette Caldwell.

President – Lamya called the meeting to order at 11:16 AM.

The minutes of the November 20 meeting were circulated by email;
MOTION to approve the November minutes; seconded and passed.

New Business:

1. **Holiday Party Recap:** Lamya reported on the Holiday Party hosted at the new Adventures in Bridge location. The Board received many compliments on the food and musical entertainment provided by Bill Johnson. The Board discussed location options for next year's holiday party scheduled for Sunday, December 17, 2017, which is in conflict with the Palm Springs Regional. Several board members thought it might not be worth the extra expense and increased labor since some of our players will not be able to attend the Holiday party due to the Palm Springs Regional. Total cost of this year's Holiday party was \$1357.00. **ACTION:** Marty will contact the Mediterranean Restaurant across from Adventures in Bridge to see if it's a viable option for hosting the lunch for next year's Holiday Party.
2. **Sectional Venue for 2018:** The Unit will not be able to host sectionals at Marina Village in 2018 due to site renovations. A taskforce was created to investigate venue options for next year's Sectionals. Taskforce members include Lamya, Marty and Kathy. **ACTION:** Taskforce will meet to discuss venue options and make calls to see availability and cost.
3. **March Sectional Update:** Lamya updated the Board on the Sectional to be held March 3-5 at Marina Village. The sectional stratification has been approved by ACBL and updated on promotional flyers. Lamya met with ACBL Director Ken Horwedel at Marina Village to discuss event details and a site walk. **ACTION:** The Board will review the planning check list and assignments will be given at the next Board meeting.
4. **NLM Sectional Update:** Lamya reported on the NLM Sectional scheduled for May 19-20, 2017. This year the Unit will host one NLM sectional in May instead of two NLM sectionals, which has been done in past years. **ACTION:** Lamya and Mike will research venue options for the NLM Sectional.
5. **Newsletter:** John suggested we create a newsletter to update the membership on the ratification of the bylaws and inform the members on upcoming events and activities. **ACTION:** Newsletter Article assignments to be turned in to Lamya by next month's board meeting are as follows: Opening Letter, Sectional, National Volunteers, Website-Lamya; NLM Sectional, Help Wanted/Partnerships- Mike; Bylaws, Trophies/Special Events- John; Sectional 2018-Lamya/Kathy; Hospitality-Marty; Education-Tom.
6. **Opportunities to create revenue for the Unit:** Marty shared fundraising ideas regarding what the Kansas City Unit is doing for their Sectionals and Regionals as a way of creating additional revenue for their Unit. One suggestion was to host a silent auction at our Sectional, which would allow players to bid on playing with top players. Another fundraising opportunity would be naming a game to honor or memorialize a player for outstanding contributions to the bridge community. **ACTION:** Marty and Kathy will write up a promotional plan for a silent auction for the Board to review at the next Board meeting.
7. **Trophies:** Mike suggested that there is a need for more awareness and education regarding the history of Unit trophies for new players. **ACTION:** John will summarize the history and significance of the different Unit trophies in an article for the newsletter.
8. **Role of the Unit in the San Diego 2017-18 Regional and NABC:** The San Diego Unit, like other units in the Southern California area will be involved in the Regional and NABC. Volunteers will be solicited to participate in various committees such as partnerships, hospitality, awards and registration.

Standing Reports:

President's Report:

No report.

Vice President's Report:

See Unit Manager's Report.

Treasurer's Report:

As of December 31, the Unit had \$8,944.36 in the checking account and \$17,573.80 in the savings account. The checking account balance does not reflect the revenue from the December 18, 2016 Unit game.

Unit Manager's Report:

The Unit's game results for 2016 have been fully submitted. We are sanctioned for 2017 in our Sunday afternoon sessions, and a request has been submitted for the Unit Championship game through June 18th, 2017 (the end of the Unit's current fiscal year). The second half of the year's games will be sanctioned closer to electing the new Unit board in June.

Membership Report:

The current membership is at 711.

Hospitality Report: Vicki and Carolyn will be handling hospitality for the February 5th Unit game which is scheduled at the same time as the Riverside Regional; therefore several Board members will not be able to assist with the Unit game.

Awards Report:

No report.

Publicity Report:

No report.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Byrne, Secretary