

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

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

**President** – Lamy called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM.

The minutes of the January 15 meeting were circulated by email;  
**MOTION** to approve the January minutes; seconded and passed.

**New Business:**

**1. March Open Sectional:** Lamy updated and reviewed the planning check list for the Sectional at Marina Village on March 3-5. The discussion was as follows:

- Tables: There are 55 tables in storage and 10 tables that need to be picked up at the San Diego Bridge Club/John Lagodimos on Tuesday before the Sectional. Lamy will coordinate table pick-up at Knights of Columbus/Home Avenue on Tuesday.
- Playing Cards: Lamy purchased new playing cards that need to be replaced in the Swiss Boards during the Sectional.
- Food: **Donuts:** Mary Huffaker has generously offered to pick up the donuts each morning; **Pinwheels:** Mike will pick up the pre-ordered pinwheels at Costco; **Veggies:** Marty will pick up the veggies and ranch dressing; **Cake/Cookies:** Marianne Klayman will pick up the cake/cookies; **Coffee, Soft Drinks and Chocolate:** Lamy will pick up the coffee and soft drinks.
- Coolers: Mike (1) and Gigette (2) will bring coolers.
- Money Jars: Kathy will bring (3) money jars for the soft drinks.
- Coffee Makers: Kathy will contact the Soledad Club to borrow two Coffee Makers.
- Signs: Gigette has lined up volunteers to be Greeters.
- Supplies: Marty will pick up supplies at Smart & Final.
- Easel & Whiteboard: Vicki will bring a whiteboard and Mike will bring an easel for the Partnership Desk.
- Set-up: Lamy asked Board members to arrive at 8:00 AM for set-up on Friday.

**2. NLM Sectional 2017:** Lamy reported that the Home Avenue/Knights of Columbus location was not available to host the NLM Sectional on May 19-20<sup>th</sup>. Since a venue isn't secured, the Board agreed to cancel the May NLM Sectional and host a two-day NLM Sectional in the Fall instead. Noting the number of NLM-vs-LM members cited in Lamy's newsletter article, Mike asked if an automated list of all the Unit 539 members was available through ACBL. **ACTION:** John will apply for the new date in **TOURNEYTRAX** to determine whether the Unit can host the NLM in October in conjunction with the Unit's Appreciation Game and the presentation of the NLM trophy; and Vicki will order a membership roster from ACBL.

**3. Sectional Venue 2018:** Lamy updated the Board on the efforts to find a new venue for the Sectional in 2018. Marty, Kathy and Lamy met with the manager of Mediterranean Restaurant across from Adventures in Bridge, to look at the banquet room, which did not meet our needs for the Holiday Party or Sectional. **ACTION:** Lamy and Kathy will meet with the manager of the Portuguese Hall to check out their venue.

**4. Newsletter Update:** Lamy shared the design mock-up for the newsletter to be mailed out to the membership no later than April. The newsletter will be mailed to the membership this one time only; thereafter, it will be in electronic format. The Board would like to publish at least one newsletter annually. Mike suggested that the newsletter be published semi-annually; the Board agreed in principle but noted the practical issues associated with more frequent publication. **ACTION:** Lamy will contact Bob Walters for a bid for printing and mailing.

**5. 999er Game:** The Board discussed their concerns regarding low attendance at the 999er game. The last few Unit games at least one pair has been asked to move to the 999er game where they prefer to play in the open field. The Board asked Sebastian Holsclaw for his recommendations regarding this issue. Sebastian suggested making announcements at the Tuesday and Thursday games at Adventures to recruit more players to the game and to have a pair on-call to play in the 999er game so we can do everything possible to allow players to play in their preferred field.

**6. Pro Auction Update:** Marty and Kathy updated the Board on the **Bridge with the Pros** silent Auction to be launched at the Sectional on March 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>. Marty reported that there are 14 top bridge players who have generously volunteered to help with the Auction. Kathy and John are working on the logistics of hosting the auction online concurrently along with bidding sheets at Adventures in Bridge.

**7. Aztec Sectional Update:** John and Lamy were involved in a discussion with Mary Scott Knoll about assisting the Aztec Bridge Club with their sanction for their Sectional next year.

**8. 2017-2018 Call for New Board Members:** Lamy requested the Board members start recruiting for new members to join the Board.

**Standing Reports:**

**President's Report:** No report.

**Vice President's Report:**

See Unit Manager's Report.

**Treasurer's Report:**

At the end of January we have \$9000.00 in checking and \$17,500.00 in savings. The Unit had one game in January that made a profit of \$125.00. A check from ACBL for \$1300 was received.

**Unit Manager's Report:** The Unit game results for January were submitted to ACBL. We are confirmed to hold our planned fundraiser for the Nationals on July 2, 2017.

**Membership Report:**

The current membership is at 708.

**Hospitality Report:** No report.

**Awards Report:** No report.

**Publicity Report:** No report.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy Byrne, Secretary*