

Minutes
ACBL San Diego Unit 539
January 21, 2018

Next meeting: Sunday, February 18 at 11:00 am at **Adventures in Bridge**

Board Members Present: John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Gigette Caldwell, Tom Herzog, Mike Koscielski, Pete Moyer, Larry Sherman, Stuart Showalter

Board Members Absent: Lamya Agelidis, Carolyn Casey

Vice President – John called the meeting to order at 11:01 am

Minutes of the November 19, 2017 meeting were circulated by email;
MOTION to approve the November minutes; seconded and passed.

New Business:

1. Board Membership Update: John introduced our newest board member, Stuart Showalter. Stuart is the current President of the Redwood Bridge Club. Stuart was instrumental in bringing *The Longest Day/ACBL* to Redwood and has continued his support for the past several years.

ACTION: John will add *The Longest Day/ACBL* to the Calendar of Events.

2. Approval of November and December Financial Statements: Since there was no Board meeting in December, the Board did not approve the November financials. Pete distributed the financial statements via email. Fiscal year end income was \$1,180.00, which includes revenue sharing from ACBL of \$1,460.00. John noted that the Unit games are now making money, as opposed to the first half of the last calendar year when the games were operating at a loss.

MOTION: Larry motioned to approve the November and December Financial Reports; Gigette seconded; motion passed.

3. 2018 Holiday Party Postmortem and 2019 Plan Update: John and the board members expressed appreciation to Kathy and Pete on the successful holiday party. Board members were asked to email holiday party postmortem details to Kathy, which will allow her to compile a summary for next year's party. Kathy submitted a request to rent the Soledad Club for next year's Holiday party. The request is pending board approval from both the Soledad Club and Unit 526 (La Jolla). The security deposit was returned in full.

4. March Sectional: John shared Lamya's email, which included a status update on the Sectional. Pete presented the Sectional budget. He reviewed the table count from the last three Sectionals and used the downward trend to project a loss. John asked Pete to contact Lamya with details regarding event logistics and planning rather than forming a board sub-committee. Discussion was as follows:

- One caddie since there will only be Swiss teams on Sunday.
- Two free plays for each board member who works at the Sectional.
- Lunch menu will stay the same except possibly on Friday. Gigette, Mike and Lamya will survey restaurants to determine the cost of providing a bag lunch consisting of sandwich, chips and fruit.
- Directional sign holders instead of easels.
- Encourage players to volunteer during announcements at Unit games.

ACTION: Gigette, Lamya and Mike will research options for Friday's lunch. Gigette will get a quote for directional sign holders.

5. 2018 Special Games: John reviewed the dates for the proposed special unit games. The *Mixed Gender Pairs* game is scheduled for August 5th. The goal for the second special game is to mingle lower level players with upper level players.

MOTION: Larry motioned to schedule *Over/Under 1000MP* for Oct 7th; Pete seconded; motion passed. **ACTION:** The parameters of the games were tabled for the next Board meeting. Larry will investigate player handicap systems.

6. Working with the Aztec Bridge Club: Mary Scott Knoll has interfaced with John and Lamya each January about working together on an Aztec Bridge Club/ACBL bridge game. Additionally, Steve Bruno, from another unit, contacted our unit to suggest inviting Aztec club members to a unit game. Options were discussed for outreaching to Aztec Bridge Club.

ACTION: John to forward ABA emails to Larry & Stuart. Larry and Stuart to contact Mary Scott Knoll to see what is realistic, and come back to the Board with recommendations. See addendum* at the bottom of the page.

7. Plans for upcoming Unit Games: Hospitality: January 21-John; February 4 (Pizza)- Tom and Kathy; February 18-Carolyn and Mike. Unit POC: January 21- Kathy; February 4 – Kathy; February 18 – John.

8. Unit Game Partnership Process: John and Mike reported on the partnership process for Unit Games. The partnership chair will receive an inquiry or request for a partner for our Unit game(s) and inform the player of the process: (a)Online request through the Unit website (b)Phone or e-mail the partnership chair with their request. In the request, they will ask the player to include their contact information (i.e., phone number and e-mail address). Individual board members should find their own partners. They should not submit a partnership request for themselves.

9. Unit Game Hospitality: Board members discussed varied options regarding the best menu and process for hospitality at Unit games. Suggestions were as follows: simplified menus with less preparation; healthier fare; more variety; different dessert menu; keeping menu the same with suggested shopping list. No consensus was reached except to increase efforts to find a Hospitality Chair.

10. Unit Consolidation: In October 2017, the committee drafted a letter to send to Presidents of Units 519 (Coronado) and 526 (La Jolla) to start discussions regarding the possibility of those units merging with our San Diego Unit 539. Larry expressed concern that there has been little progress during the past three months. Due to the NABC, the holidays, and several board members being out of town, a meeting date hasn't been secured. **ACTION:** John will contact Lamya to secure a date for the next consolidation meeting with John Dusharme and Matt Kidd via e-mail.

11. Other: Pete suggested announcing winners and presenting them with a "Sectional Winner" pin at the March Sectional. Gigette asked board members to bring sectional flyers to bridge clubs that need them. Gigette also suggested checking the brochure holder at *Adventures* to make sure it is stocked with the Unit's flyers in front.

Standing Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Pete emailed a report. See approval of November and December Financial Statements.

Membership Report: Larry emailed a report. No discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Byrne, Secretary

*Action item was assigned to John, Lamya and Stuart.