

Board Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2018
ACBL San Diego Unit 539

Board Members Present: John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Carolyn Casey, Pete Moyer, Alana Shapley, Wayne Sottosanti, Marge Van Hemert, and Sue Wightman

Board Members Absent: Lamy Agelidis, Stuart Showalter

Call to order: 11:15 am.

New Business:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the June meeting were approved.
2. **Financial Report:** Pete provided handouts to facilitate our review and comparison of FY15-16, FY16-17, and FY17-18 financial results, and he highlighted areas where costs can be managed better. For the benefit of new board members, he outlined what it takes to put on a major sectional tournament, and he reminded all that the Unit is a tax exempt organization under § 501(c)(7) (social club). These reports were approved unanimously.
3. **The Longest Day:** The board congratulated and thanked Kathy and her team for the great success of our Longest Day fundraising effort overall and the June 17 Longest Day unit game. Kathy pointed out that the event received local TV coverage and that we were recognized on the ACBL's Facebook and Instagram pages. We feel we have established a strong base to draw on for future Longest Day events.
4. **August Sectional:** Discussion of the size of the lunch order was tabled as it's going to be a guess. John polled board members for their availability to help with the sectional, and he will send that information to Lamy. She will be back for the August 5 board meeting to give a more detailed report on plans and to ask for more specific help from board members as needed.
5. **August 5 Mixed Pairs game:** Concerns were raised about how well understood or aware players might be of the special partnership requirements. The board didn't like the idea of turning folks away or letting them play but be ineligible to win, so it was decided to not make a big deal about the mixed pair requirement on the day of the game. The number of mixed pairs who play in today's game and attendance at the Aug. 5 mixed pairs game might affect decisions about other special games (like the over/under 1000sMPs game) and whether to run two sections in such games.
6. **October NLM Sectional:** Kathy is working on the flyer, Marge will be giving mini-lessons each day. For advertising it was suggested we emphasize the sectional heavily at Kathy and John's Tuesday game especially for NLM volunteers to help and also for players. Davis is the planned Director. Soliciting help for the NLM will be deferred until after our August sectional is over.
7. **Search for new venues:** The topic of new sectional and special event venues was raised again. Kathy offered to provide the information she'd previously gathered over years of effort to help a new committee with the purpose of executing a new search. Pete will be talking with Pam Lawrence about her recent experience and valuable knowledge about real estate in the area to help us locate more affordable and comfortable venues that might be more central for our population. Dissatisfaction with the Marina Village setting was

discussed, including fear about a repeat of last year's A/C problems, and these issues seem to be reflected in the decreasing table counts. A decision on a new venue search committee was tabled to the 8/5 meeting.

Standing Reports:

Standing reports had been circulated by email and required no further action.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Showalter, Secretary

Next meeting date: Sunday, September 16