

**Board Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2019**  
**ACBL San Diego Unit 539**

**Board Members Present:** Lamy Agelidis, John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Carolyn Casey, Pete Moyer, Stuart Showalter, Marge Van Hemert, and Wayne Sottosanti

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Call to order:** 11:10 a.m.

**New Business:**

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the November meeting were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** The report had been circulated earlier by email and was approved unanimously.
3. **Appreciation Party:** The appreciation party was extremely well received by all attendees, and attendance was 12% higher than last year. The added cost (approximately \$550 over last year) was due primarily to the number of free plays and lunches for those who played in at least 12 Unit games during 2018. These costs are to thank Unit members for their loyalty and are a worthwhile investment in goodwill.
4. **Board Member Recruitment and Unit Games Support:** The need to recruit board members was discussed again. Marge and Pete will work on finding volunteers to help out during unit games. Possible board candidates can be developed from this group of dedicated players.
5. **2019 Events and Chairs:** Beth Granby will be asked to chair The Longest Day, Lamy will be in charge of the Appreciation Party, and Stuart will take over the website.
6. **Stratification of Unit Games:** It was unanimously decided to let the game director determine on a day-to-day basis whether stratification should be by a pair's average MP level or the MP rank of the stronger player.
7. **Membership Chair Report:** Marge's report was addressed during Item #4.
8. **Guest Speakers:** Blake Schwartzbach and Mac Busby spoke about the idea of creating a charitable foundation to educate new players – especially youth – about the game of bridge. Board members were enthusiastic about the concept and offered numerous suggestions for follow-up. Blake and Mac will report back with a detailed proposal.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stuart Showalter, Secretary

Next meeting date: Sunday, February 17, 2019