

Board Meeting Minutes – Jan. 31, 2021

ACBL San Diego Unit 539

Board Members Present: Lamy Agelidis, John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Greg Chaffee, Sam Madison, Jane Petering, Stuart Showalter, Wayne Sottosanti

Board Members Absent: None

Call to order: 9:45 a.m.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. **Approval of November minutes.** The minutes of the November meeting were approved unanimously. (There was no meeting in December.)
2. **Board member announcements and reassignments.** This will be Stuart's last meeting. Wayne has agreed to take over as Secretary, Selby Winkler will take over the Unit reports for D22, and Kathy will resume posting financials and minutes to the website.
3. **Treasurer's report.** Greg reported that revenues have routinely been exceeding expenses, and even though January's expenses were up due to the Appreciation Party our overall financial situation is healthy.
4. **2021 Appreciation Party wrap-up.** The party was very well received. The expenses, although significant, were specifically intended to increase goodwill and pay the members back for their loyalty.
5. **2021 education discussion.** Sam emphasized the need to do some research into educational needs and at what level of expertise. Other questions included the need to avoid duplicating the educational efforts of clubs such as Redwood and, if we decide to proceed, whether to hire a teacher to present a packaged program or to create our own. Lamy posed the idea of convening the educators such as Maritha Pottenger, Wirt Gilliam, and David Walters to sound out their ideas, and she will take next steps to convene such a meeting and develop a survey to judge members' interest.
6. **2021 Game Calendar.** John raised the question about resurrecting our trophy games in 2021 even as we hold all unit games online. For our February meeting, he will develop a proposal of dates for the Open Pairs Trophy, NLM Pairs Trophy, and Tribute Trophy games, based on review of the special event schedule already published by ACBL for 2021 so far.
7. **Unit game free plays.** We now have the ability to give free plays for online games, and it was decided to reinstate the practice of giving board members a free play for each Unit game they attend.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Showalter

Stuart Showalter, Secretary

Next meeting date: Sunday, February 28, 2021.