

**MINUTES**  
**ACBL SAN DIEGO UNIT 539 BOARD MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2017**

Next meeting: Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Adventures in Bridge

Board members present: Lamya Agelidis, John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Carolyn Casey, Tom Herzog, Mike Koscielski, Larry Sherman, Martha Woodworth

Absent board members: Gigette Caldwell, Pete Moyer

Meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Lamya.

Minutes of September 17, 2017 meeting were circulated by e-mail. **Motion** to approve the minutes passed (unanimously).

Trophies discussion. Discussed whether we should continue giving trophies. We currently have Non-Life Masters, Life Masters and Open pairs trophies, as well as many trophies from past eras. Discussed available space for displaying trophies, and noted that winners are acknowledged on our website. The NLM award is problematic because we have a 999er game. **Action:** Carolyn will work with Tom on proposal regarding trophies.

Update on October 2917 NLM Sectional. Mike distributed detailed report by e-mail and discussed what worked and what didn't. Sectional ran smoothly and table count was up 4 tables from last year. The Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center was great venue. We will keep signs made by Pat Sullivan. We will take orders in advance for lunch in future. **Motion** to book JCC for next year passed (unanimously).

Holiday party update. Flyers ready to be distributed to clubs and info is posted on website. Budget created. Joanie Brobst will sing as entertainment. **Action:** Larry will contact club owners personally and invite them.

2018 calendar discussion. Will calendar holiday party later to see if players like January date better. **Motion** to remove masters pairs games and add mixed pairs and pro-am games passed (7-1 abstention). Prizes will be awarded. Decided to keep STaC game. Decided to keep NLM sectional because games with higher MPs are more expensive to run as they require ACBL directors. Tabled decision on whether to have 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday game in December. Monarch School will be beneficiary of charity game this year.

Unit consolidation committee update. The committee drafted letter to send to presidents of Units 519 (Coronado) and 526 (La Jolla) to start discussions regarding possibility of those units merging with our San Diego Unit 539.

Budget committee update. New committee met and set goals based on bylaws: maintain financial security by keeping adequate reserve; expand outreach to get new players; increase table count at all games; and give back to the community. The detailed format Pete developed for the holiday party budget will be used for other budgeting.

2018 March open sectional review. Draft flyer reviewed. We will eliminate Swiss teams on Friday and Saturday and lower BCD bracket to 2000 mps as previously decided. Fee is still \$12. Discussed charging for lunch. **Action:** Martha will research whether other units charge for lunch at sectionals.

Aztec bridge game. Steve Bruno, from another unit, contacted our unit regarding Aztec Bridge club, which is a member of African-American Bridge Association (ABA). He suggested we invite Aztec club members to our unit games. Discussed options for outreaching to Aztec bridge club.

October 29 unit game. Kathy volunteered to be contact person for next unit game as Lamya will be out of town.

Bridge tables. 8 tables may be purchased that were bought for a private VIP game.

District 22 area 3 representative elections. Ballots distributed to board members and are due Nov. 11. Andy Loh and Lamya are the candidates.

#### OTHER REPORTS

Treasurer's report. Pete e-mailed report. No Discussion.

Membership report. Larry e-mailed report. No discussion.

Partnerships report. Mike e-mailed report. No discussion.

Publicity report. Gigette e-mailed report. No discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:28.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Martha Woodworth, Secretary*