

--Next meeting: Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Adventures in Bridge--

ACBL – San Diego Unit 539  
September 20, 2009

Board members present: Ralph Baty, Vicki Creamer, Karen Dempsey, Jan Fischer, Osman Güner, Joan Maden, John Boackle, Barb Holles, and Marian Zeldin

Board members absent: Norma Huhn & Virginia Wofford

*President*, Vicki Creamer called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

**M/S/P Ralph Baty/Osman Güner** The July 19, 2009 minutes were approved as written. (There was no meeting of the Board in August)

*Treasurer*, Barb Holles reported that as of August we have \$4822.21 in checking and \$16,860.00 in savings. A transfer of funds from Checking to Savings of \$1500 was done this month. We had a profit of \$163.00 for the Summer Sectional. Our profit for July and August turned out to be \$1041.00 which includes a check from the ACBL for \$622.00

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Tournament Chairman*, Ralph Baty reported on the Summer Sectional and discussion followed regarding the smaller than usual profit for the sectional. Several suggestions as to the reason for this included fewer tables and more spent on hospitality. Reasoning behind the lower table count could have resulted from a failure to send flyers to the other clubs in our area to advertise the sectional. That will definitely be addressed for future sectionals.

Ralph also reported on plans for the Holiday Party to be held in January. It was a general consensus of the board that we keep it as a brunch. Holiday flyers will be forthcoming.

*Club Manager*, John Boackle reported that due to a failure within his home computer, the points earned in some of the summer games might not be reported in the Bridge Bulletin until the October issue. He asked for help in retrieving the scores from the club so that they may be submitted in a timely manner to the ACBL. It was suggested that we alert the director (and the game players) that corrections to their scores should be reported immediately following a game that is run at the end of the month. The STaC game held at the end of August was a great success with 30 tables.

*Future Life Master*, Joan Maden reported on the upcoming NLM sectional in October. She has it well under control but has requested help to set up and clean up. She will be contacting Mary Huffaker for help with the hospitality for the Saturday game.

In addition, it was suggested that postcards might be sent to the NLM members of our unit and neighboring units regarding the upcoming NAP qualifiers being held in early November. That card could also include information about the NLM sectional if it is mailed early enough. Joan asked Publicity chairman, Karen Dempsey, to provide small individual flyers to advertise the upcoming NLM sectional to be distributed to the NLM games at the club during the next few weeks.

*Hospitality*, Marian Zeldin requested that instead of submitting itemized receipts for the food she prepares, she be allotted an amount each month. The reasoning for this was that she creates and bakes many of her famous dishes and individual ingredients are hard to itemize on a grocery receipt.

**Joan Maden/Ralph Baty/M/S/P that Marian be given \$100 per unit game to use for hospitality.**

*Awards*, Jan Fischer announced that there will be 6 or more awards presented at the first meeting next month so she will be submitting receipts for those expenses. She also asked for the board's opinion on what the Tribute Trophy should say. It was decided that it should just say: UNIT 539 and under that TRIBUTE TROPHY.

*Publicity*, Karen Dempsey had no report at this time.

*Membership Report*, Osman Güner submitted his membership report: Total members in our unit: 741 and of those, 473 are NLM.

*Partnership*, Virginia Wofford was not in attendance; partnership will be discussed at the next meeting. It was suggested that it be noted on flyers and ads for games and sectionals that a call to the club might be better in the future for those requesting a partner.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tabled for discussion at a later date was the suggestion that we take a good look at what we are paying directors.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Vicki asked if we were comfortable with the voting for the District Representatives as it was done this year (mail in individual ballots from our homes). The general consensus was that it worked but we might prefer to do it at a board meeting as a unit.

We then were asked our opinion on the number of boards that should be used on the regional level for open pairs. It was agreed that 26 was the optimum with 24 for the limited NLM games.

Bill Grant then joined us to tell us how we might start and run High School bridge lessons with the ultimate goal of a high school level tournament. He has been running a successful program and interest was high within the unit for supporting this.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

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Karen Dempsey, Secretary Protem