

--Next meeting: Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 11:00 AM at Adventures in Bridge--

ACBL – San Diego Unit 539
January 17, 2010

Board members present: Ralph Baty, John Boackle, Vicki Creamer, Karen Dempsey, Osman Güner, Norma Huhn, Joan Maden, Virginia Wofford and Marian Zeldin

Board members absent: Barb Holles and Jan Fischer

President, Vicki Creamer called the meeting to order at 11:05AM.

M/S/P (Dempsey/Zeldin) that the November 15, 2009 minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer, Barb Holles was absent. President Creamer reviewed the budget from an email sent by Barb to the Unit 539 Board. As of December 2009 the Unit had \$5274.00 in our checking and \$14,410.00 in our savings account. There were extra expenses in November and December. Our advertising was \$500.00 which included the ad for our Spring Sectional tournament. Our tax bill return which was paid in December was \$200. The deposit for the Holiday party was \$1188.00. Unit 539 had no Sunday Unit game because of the San Diego Nationals. There will be a full report in February on the Holiday Party. There was a transfer of \$4000.00 from savings to checking at the end of December to cover party expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tournament Chairman, Ralph Baty discussed some of the comments he received regarding the location and success of the Holiday Party. The consensus of the Board was to have the future Holiday Party at a hotel.

It was recommended that the San Diego Sectional flyers be available on the ACBL website. Karen Dempsey, publicity chairman, will follow through with putting the flyers on the ACBL website. The San Diego Sectional will be held at AIB March 5-7, 2010.

A discussion followed regarding the purchase of Wireless Scoring Boxes to be used by the Unit for scoring at Unit games and Sectionals. It was decided to consider not to purchase the scoring boxes due to the cost.

Club Manager, John Boackle has submitted sanction through April 2010. The Sunday Unit game on February 21, 2010 will include two games; there will be the GNT team game and a Pairs Unit game.

Future Life Master, Joan Maden questioned why there was a difference in the profit at the May and October 2009 NLM Sectionals. The attendance was down at the October Sectional.

The policy of "zero tolerance" was discussed and what players should do if there is a violation of the policy. Violations will be presented to the Unit Ethics committee.

Hospitality, Marian Zeldin reported that everything is running smoothly. A Unit member celebrated becoming a Life Master by providing a cake for today's Unit game.

Awards, Jan Fischer was absent.

Publicity, Karen Dempsey reported that she will follow through on providing flyers for all the Unit Sectionals on the ACBL website.

Membership Report, Osman Güner reported that the Unit membership was 762, (up from 747). There are 496 NLM, (up from 480), in the total membership. Osman announced that he would be leaving the Unit Board in April to move to Turkey.

Partnership, Virginia Wofford discussed her email report on finding bridge partners for players at the Sunday Unit games. It has not been always possible to provide some players with a partner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vicki Creamer indicated that microphone equipment had been purchased and would be used during Unit games.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion of Unit 539 providing a standard award for achieving Silver Life Master. It was decided that if a bridge player wanted a specific name tag it would have to be negotiated with Jan Fischer, the awards chairman. Our Unit does not give name tags for players achieving the Silver Life master level.

The issue of approving requests for other club sanctions was discussed. It was decided that information contained in the request be clarified by the ACBL before supporting the request.

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Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 PM

Approved February 21 , 2010

Norma Huhn

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Secretary