Next meeting: Sunday November 20th at 11:00 AM at Adventures in Bridge ACBL – San Diego Unit 539 October 2, 2016

Board Members Present: Lamya Agelidis, Tom Herzog, Vicki Creamer, Barb Holles, John Boackle, Carolyn Casey, Marty Roth, Mike Koscielski and Kathy Byrno

Board Member Absent: Gigette Caldwell.

President – Lamya called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM.

The minutes of the August meeting were circulated by email; **MOTION** to approve the August minutes; seconded and passed.

New Business:

1. Non-Life Master Sectional: Lamya and the board members expressed appreciation to new board member and event co-chair Mike Koscielski, co-chair John Dusharme from Coronado/Chula Vista Unit and volunteers on the successful first year joint New Life Master Sectional. Lamya and Mike will be attending a committee wrap-up meeting next week for the final event report. The event recap discussion was as follows:

Overall: Mike reported receiving numerous comments from players that enjoyed the event, the good venue and the hospitality provided by Coronado/Chula Vista Unit. The coordination of the first year tournament went well primarily because the set-up was done in advance. Mike also suggested that more time be allowed between games each day. The table count was 64 over the two-day period with the estimated profit being at approximately \$500 excluding sanction fees to be split by the three participating Units.

Table Count: John prepared a chart of the accounting of the table count of the 2013-2016 NLM Sectionals. There were 64 tables at the joint 2016 NLM, which is a good result, particularly compared with our past two NLM sectionals run on our own in 2015 whose per day counts were quite a bit lower (total counts were 56.5 tables at the Spring Sectional and 51 tables at the Fall Sectional). Also, important to note, the 2016 NLM was a two-day tournament vs. three-day tournament table counts in 2015.

Dates for next year's NLM: John suggested hosting one joint 2017 NLM Sectional in May. Lamya will discuss this option at the wrap-up meeting next week with the other Units.

- 2. Items for purchase from College Avenue/Scripps Ranch Bridge Club: Lamya reported that College Avenue Bridge Club and Scripps Ranch Bridge Club have closed. She reviewed the list of items for sale. Lamya will talk to the owners about purchasing some of the items needed by the Unit.
- **3. Holiday Party:** The holiday party is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th. This is the first year we will host the party at the new Adventure's location. Gigette created a publicity flyer for the holiday party. Marty agreed to coordinate this year's Holiday party, and will be contacting each board member with assignments.
- **4. Preliminary 2017 Calendar:** John prepared a draft of the 2017 Calendar for the board to review and to be distributed to the membership next month. He reviewed the following open action items: April Board meeting conflicts with the Regional, the date(s) for the NLM Sectional preferably in May, the status of the 2017 NABC Fundraiser game in July and confirmation of the date change for the holiday party due to the Nationals. Marty suggested mentioning any member that passed away the year prior to the trophy being presented at the 2017 Tribute game.
- 5. **Section layout for Unit Games:** The Board discussed the current section (Open/999er) layout at Unit games. Lamya suggested that we incorporate the 999er game in the open room in order to have a more cohesive game.
- 6. **December 18**th **Unit Game:** The Board agreed to cancel the December 18th Unit game due to Palm Springs Regional and busy holiday season; **MOTION** to cancel December 18th Unit game; seconded and passed. See addendum* at the bottom of the page.
- 7. **Ideas from board members on improvements:** Lamya requested that the board members offer suggestions to improve our services as future agenda items at board meetings.

Standing Reports:

Vice President's Report. See Preliminary 2017 Calendar above.

Treasurer's Report.

At the end of September, the Unit had \$10, 208.00 in the checking account and \$17,574.00 in the savings account.

Unit Manager's Report.

Our Unit's game results have been turned in through August.

Membership Report.

The current membership is at 717.

Publicity Report.

No report.

Hospitality Report.

Marty asked board members to volunteer to help with hospitality for the remaining 2016 Unit games. Assignments are as follows: October 16^{th} – John Boackle and Kathy Byrne, October 30^{th} Pizza & Pairs – Lamya Agelidis, November 6^{th} – Gigette Caldwell and Carolyn Casey, November 20^{th} – Tom Herzog and Mike Koscielski.

Awards Report.

No report.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Byrne, Secretary

^{*}After polling the players at the October 30th Unit game, the Board determined to host December, 18th Unit game.