Minutes ACBL San Diego Unit 539 November 19, 2017

Next meeting: Sunday. January 21 at 11:00 AM at Adventures in Bridge

Board Members Present: Lamya Agelidis, Kathy Byrne, Gigette Caldwell, Carolyn Casey, Tom Herzog, Mike Koscielski, Pete Moyer, Larry Sherman

Board Member Absent: John Boackle

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

The minutes of the October 15 meeting were circulated by email; **MOTION** to approve the October minutes; seconded and passed.

New Business:

- 1. Board Membership Update & Re-definition of Responsibilities: Martha Woodworth has resigned as Secretary and Hospitality Chair. Lamya asked Board members to recruit new members to the Board. Larry suggested that we contact Andree Bayliss to help with hospitality on a limited basis. Hospitality assignments: December 17, 2017 Pete and Carolyn; January 21, 2018 Lamya and Carolyn
- **2. NABC Unit Day & Unit 539 role at NABC:** The five district units will have a designated day at the NABC to promote their Unit. Larry is writing an article for the Daily Bulletin and Kathy is designing a promotional poster to be displayed by the Welcome Desk.
- **3. Holiday Party Update:** Gigette delivered flyers to the local bridge clubs. Pete created an RSVP list. Joni Brobst will sing as entertainment and will use the Unit's portable sound system. Lamya contacted catering for the party. **ACTION**: Update the Holiday Eligible list on the Bulletin Board at Adventures.
- **4. 2018 Holiday Party Sub-Committee:** Holiday party free entry was started to encourage players to attend unit games; some board members feel this incentive should be reevaluated with an alternative fee structure. La Jolla Unit offered a \$5 discount rather than free entry. Larry reminded the Board that we have an established goal to have an incentive and fee determined by the end of February 2018. Committee members: Lamya, John, Pete, Larry and Kathy
- **5. 2018 Calendar:** John distributed a 2018 calendar by email. Discussion items were as follows:
 - Joint NLM Fall Sectional with La Jolla Unit: Pete will talk to Barbara Blake to see if the La Jolla Unit wants to co-host the tournament.
 - NLM Venue: Lamya reported that the Jewish Community Center increased their fees to rent the
 venue for the NLM on scheduled date. Lamya will contact the JCC to renegotiate the fee or
 reschedule the NLM sectional date the same weekend as Yom Kippur when the JCC is closed.
 - NLM Trophy: The NLM award is problematic since we have a 999er game. The board decided that the Audre Erhardt NLM trophy will be awarded at a session during the NLM Sectional.
 - Holiday Party Date: Will calendar holiday party later to see if players prefer January date.
- **6. Unit Consolidation Committee Update:** Lamya reported that the committee is trying to schedule a joint meeting with the other units.
- 7. **2018 Special Games**: John proposed several dates to host Pro Am/Mixed Pairs between levels (999er and Open) at Unit games. Lamya suggested that we poll unit members during announcements and/or e-blast to get feedback. **ACTION**: Larry to write copy for e-blast.
- **8. Sectional Lunches**: Discussed charging for lunch at the sectionals similar to other units. Instead of charging, the Board decided to use some of the auction proceeds to subsidize the lunch for the March sectional. **ACTION**: Item tabled until after the March sectional.

Standing Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Pete emailed a report. No discussion.

Unit Manager's Report:

John emailed a report. See 2018 Calendar and Special Games above.

Membership Report:

Larry emailed a report. No discussion.

Publicity Report:

Gigette emailed a report. No discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Byrne, Special Projects