

**ACBL Unit 539 Board Meeting
March 12, 2023**

Present: Lamy Agelidis, John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Marjorie O'Malley, Bridget Poizner, Robin Rodger, Jane Petering. **Absent:** Sam Madison, Greg Chaffee, Wayne Sottosanti

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 A.M.

- **Minutes of Feb 12, 2023 Board Meeting**
 - Motion to approve was put to vote after correction in those minutes re: approval of January minutes, not February's. Minutes approved.
- **March Sectional Feedback and Info**
 - Positive Feedback on the St. Gabriel's Venue - favorable lunch formula (which we will repeat), nice big room, easy parking. Issues raised: lighting at certain tables, generally bad acoustics, uncomfortable chairs, distance to travel.
 - Location didn't bring in as many folks from South County or as many from North County as hoped. Lots of new faces, but attendance disappointing.
 - Roughly \$800-\$1000 loss overall.
- **Next Sectional August 4-5, 2023**
 - The same church is not available; Marina Village is not affordable. Soledad, new Oasis, and the Portuguese Hall in Point Loma are being investigated.
- **Non-Life Master (NLM) Sectional Fall 2023**
 - The board agreed to another potentially successful joint venture with Unit 549 to run a NLM Sectional (0-500) in either early September or early October 2023.
 - Need an NLM chair on our end to coordinate with Unit 549 and our team of supporters along with planning out and managing lunch for the sectional.
- **ACBL Live vs. BridgeResults for Game Results Display on our Website**
 - ACBL Live results have bugs – missing columns for some sections (no contracts, opening leads) and no Qs displayed for our GNT Qualifier.
 - It was agreed that we will continue to display BridgeResults data on our website instead of ACBL Live at least until bugs are fixed.
 - Bridget will email the 1499ers and 499ers, and Lamy will send in our weekly eblast instructions for players on how to sign up for BridgeResults.
- **The Longest Day (TLD) Fundraiser**
 - 16 top players arranged for our Auction which will start at the SD Regional.

- **Beginner's Bridge in a Day**
 - Sam provided a report. ACBL will cover most costs. Saturday June 3rd was proposed. Need to know how many hours, confirm the date, and agree on best location.
- **Adding Team Games to our Calendar**
 - After the success of our GNT Qualifying Game on 3/5 with so many new faces, the board decided to offer more team games in the future. On these dates we will offer only team games and not pairs games to avoid dissatisfaction of pairs players showing up for very small games. The first proposed team game will be on July 30th, the fifth Sunday of July.
- **Giving Back to Players/Appreciation Party**
 - The board voted on how best we give back to our loyal players this year. Instead of one costly, difficult to manage appreciation party at the Soledad Club, it was decided instead to offer reduced price games and give special prizes more often at our events throughout the rest of this year.
 - Accordingly, we moved our Awards presentation for 2022 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs to the May 21 date previously considered for the annual Appreciation Party.

- **Next Board Meeting: Monday May 12th, 2023 at 9:00am.**

Respectfully submitted: John Boackle on behalf of Sam Madison - Secretary