

**AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE
UNIT 531
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

November 16, 2008

President Rosie Zakarian called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: Rosie Zakarian, Ed Koch, Iris Allyn Kurzweil, John McCaffrey, Terry Maloy, Herb Schaffer, Carole Webb, Eva Dawson and Marie Thome. Don Cooper was excused. Alan Lasnover, a proposed Board member, was present as an observer.

MINUTES:

John moved, and Terry seconded, we approve the minutes of the September 7 meeting which had been emailed to the Board members.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Herb Schaffer presented the November report. Board members had already received it via email. As of November first, the balance in the checking account was \$6,348.17, balance in CD \$15,908.31 with a total net worth of \$22,256.48. The October Sectional reported a net gain of \$1140.41. Some expenses have not yet reached the Treasurer, but will be reported at the 1/4/09 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board cast email ballots since the last Board meeting to designate the December Unit game, to be held December 7, as our Holiday Party. The Board also voted to let 531 members play at that event without charge, and others would pay the usual fee.

Ed brought us up to date regarding the Youth Bridge outreach to students at Earl Warren School. Three weekly bridge classes have been held in the Solana Beach Library. The possibility of sending a pair to the National Youth Game in July was discussed. The consensus was that if an interested pair can be developed, and funding is available, the publicity attendant on such an event might stimulate even wider interest. Marie volunteered to help in this important effort. There was considerable discussion as to whether to concentrate on players close to the maximum age of nineteen since they could become better players faster, or on younger players who would have a longer tenure in the program. It was also suggested that help with funding might be obtained from District 22 or from other Units in San Diego.

Nominating Committee Chair, Terry Maloy, discussed the Board election to take place after this Board meeting. The ballots with five listed nominated candidates and room for three write-ins will be distributed to 531 members upon signing in. The process will be explained before the game, and ballots will be collected during the game and tallied within twenty-four hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was proposed, seconded, and approved for Don Cooper to play free in Unit games in exchange for his continuing to make flyers for Unit use.

It was moved, seconded and passed to make a donation of \$300 to the Founders' Club at Ocean Hills..

The Board officers received a Notice of Probation from ACBL regarding an infraction by Bob Bratcher which occurred in District 23. His right to play is not affected.

Marie discussed the plans for the Holiday Party. Hams and turkeys will be provided by the Unit, and side dishes contributed by Unit 531 Members. We plan on forty tables, but will be able to handle more if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Maloy for Eva Dawson, Secretary