

## Unit 549 San Diego North County Inland Board Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2017 (for September)

The meeting was called to order at 5:15PM by Unit President Art Foeste.

Directors in attendance: Liz Nixon, John Coulombe, Dorothea Williams, Sheila Latus, Trish Frinell, Ken Matson, and Hazel Turner. Not in attendance: Peter Hapka

**August Meeting Minutes**, having been reviewed, revised, and finalized electronically through email were accepted without further changes.

- 1) A motion was made (Liz), seconded (Trish) to approve the August minutes as presented today.  
Passed (7-0)

**Treasurer's Report** was unavailable, but Ken stated that there were no changes since no expenses have been submitted for payment or reimbursement.

- 1) There has still been no further input from Unit 531 on reconciliation of expenses for the NLM game.

### **Old Business/New Business (a combo of items interrelated):**

- 1) **Unit \$500 grant to the clubs:** A nice Thank You card was received from The ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge Club.
- 2) **Discussion regarding the November Unit game Toy Drive and Pot Luck Party:**
  - a. Apparently there was contact by Interfaith Community Services regarding the pick-up and/or delivery of the toys collected and the monetary donation. Sheila was tasked with working out a feasible solution to the issue of who will be responsible and when this will occur.
  - b. It was suggested that there be a box for toy collection at BCNC during the week prior to the game on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Hazel volunteered to decorate a box for the purpose and place it at the club.
  - c. Jill and Dorothea will pass along a request that Directors announce the Unit game and Art will see to an email blast from Unit 549 and ask BCNC to do one as well.
  - d. Jill suggested that we take money from the unit treasury to pay for the main dish (meat) at the Pot Luck Party. Discussion followed about how much money to allow. It was decided that \$125.00 would be appropriate.

A motion was made (Jill), seconded (John) that the Unit contribute \$125.00 toward the meat entrée for the Pot Luck Party. Passed (7-0)

- e. It was noted that a new calendar for BCNC has the club scheduling STAC games for the week prior to our Unit game on the 18<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that perhaps we could make our unit game a STAC – discussion followed.

A motion was made (Dorothea), seconded (Liz) that the Unit convert the Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> game to a STAC game. Voted down (5-2)

**3) Elections coming up in November:**

- a. As per Article 5B of the Unit By-Laws, our current Board members are to be numbered individually from 1 through 10 in three cycles as follows:
  - i. Cycle One: Liz (1), Ken (2), Art (3)
  - ii. Cycle Two: Trish (4), John (5), Dorothea (6), Hazel (7)
  - iii. Cycle Three: Jill (8), Sheila (9), Peter (10)
- b. Currently, there is one opening and potentially two (TBD). Dorothea heads up the Nominating Committee for upcoming openings on the Board. Her Committee members are Nancy Shirley and Barbara White.
- c. Art has volunteered to help write an article to be published in the Table Talk and on the Unit website regarding the upcoming elections.
- d. Also, there should be an announcement at the October Unit game asking for additional volunteers, should there be anyone we haven't already spoken to personally.

**4) Unit involvement at the National in SD:**

- a. Art will contact Lamyia regarding which days and what positions are open for us to volunteer.

**5) Sunday Unit Games & LSM Facilities:**

- a. Discussion re the feasibility of Sunday unit games at LSM due to competition for Sunday attendance (AIB on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and Soledad on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays). We have better turnout on Saturdays when we are not competing for players. It was noted that the reason we have a Sunday issue is that we get bumped from Saturday by LSM when they have other, possibly more profitable, uses (e.g. summer weddings) for the Pavilion AND the Conference Center.
- b. Jill said that BCNC has offered to host the Unit game when we get bumped to a Sunday. It was agreed that this is a good practical solution since BCNC closes on the Unit game Saturday so as not to compete for players. Art suggested that any time we can't get Saturday at LSM, we use the BCNC facility.

A motion was made (John), seconded (Hazel) that beginning January 1 2018, we move the Unit game to BCNC whenever we can't book a Saturday at LSM. Passed (7-0)

- c. Another topic discussed re LSM is their request that we begin paying \$50.00 a month for storage of our game equipment. This is apparently not negotiable.
- d. Liz continues to have difficulty booking the Pavilion any further than 3 months out. This apparently has to do with the booking fees we pay (\$96.00 for Pavilion and the same fee if they bump us to the Conference Center. But we pay \$500.00 for the Conference Center for our Sectional games when we actually book the bigger facility).
- e. Liz will continue to book for us at LSM and since they require a resident to be in attendance at any event booked there, Carolyn Scerni has agreed to attend when Liz is away.

6) **Major Market Changes:**

- a. There has been a change in catering personnel at Major Market which has resulted in less generous portions and more filler (rice, gravy, salad, etc.). This is making it difficult to plan for enough food at functions the market caters. Also, they have instituted a delivery charge which Jill was able to negotiate down from \$50 to \$10.
- b. May be time to look for other caterers???

7) **Winter Sectional:**

- a. Trish says ACBL requires a lead time of 6-8 weeks to do an email blast. There is a special process which ACBL requires to be followed in making the request. Trish gave a copy of the process to Art – who will be making the contact with ACBL for the Winter Sectional.
- b. It was noted that the flyer and info regarding the Winter Sectional is not on our Unit website – Art will check with Howard to get that taken care of.
- c. A committee was formed (Trish, Jill, and Dorothea) to purchase/prepare/sell tickets for the food we will make available at the Winter Sectional. Sheila has done this in the past and agreed to pass along her contacts and processes. It was decided that we will follow the traditional menu of Sandwiches, chips, a cookie, and a drink for a fixed fee. Art will pick up the donuts and we need to prepare a fruit bowl/salad of some kind.

A motion was made (John), seconded (Dorothea) to adjourn at 7:08. Passed (7-0)

Next meeting scheduled for Oct. 28th, 2017 at the Pavillion at Lake San Marcos.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothea Williams, Unit 549 Acting Secretary