

Unit 549 San Diego North County Inland Board Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM by Unit President Art Foeste.

Directors in attendance: John Coulombe, Ken Matson, Hazel Turner, Jill Roberts, Dorothea Williams

Not in attendance: Peter Hapka, Trish Frinell, Sheila Latus, and Liz Nixon

October (for September) Meeting Minutes, having been reviewed, revised, and finalized electronically through email were accepted without further changes.

A motion was made (Hazel), seconded (Jill) to approve the October minutes as presented today.
Passed (5-0)

Treasurer's Report was presented by Ken.

- 1) Balance on Hand 11/18/17 is \$13,960.42. Balance in Savings 11/18/17 is \$9,357.02 Total current balance is \$23,317.44
- 2) Definition of deposit on 10/07/17 in the amount of \$1650.86 is a combination of \$1300.00 rebate from ACBL for annual membership reimbursement and \$350.86 proceeds from the September Unit game.
- 3) There has been no action on the storage fees that Lake San Marcos Facilities is charging us for using their space to store our bridge materials. Invoice/Payment TBD

A motion was made (Dorothea), seconded (John) to approve the November Treasurer's Report as presented today. Passed (5-0)

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

- 1) **Lungevity Game:** A nice card was received from Jean Holt thanking the Unit for providing the drinks and table fees for the Lungevity game.
- 2) **Board Elections:**
 - a. Word was received from Peter Hapka that he is resigning from the board.
 - b. Currently, there was one opening with Liz retiring, and now there are two.
 - c. Art has suggested that we invite Barbara White to join the Board one month early to fill Peter's seat (assuming she is elected in today's General Meeting). This was generally agreed upon. Then, the hunt is on to find one other person to fill the vacancy. Everyone start recruiting!
- 3) **Free Plays for Unit Games:**
 - a. After much discussion about the circumstances for when and how this practice should be implemented, it was decided that in situations where last minute cancellations occur due to unforeseen circumstances and the Board is requested to find a partner

for someone, the Partnership Chairperson has the discretion to give or not give a free play.

A motion was made (Ken), seconded (Jill) to approve this new practice. Passed (5-0)

4) NLM Sectional Next Year:

- a. There was a discussion about when in the spring (2018) we should plan to have the NLM Sectional. Date parameters decided upon were Saturday, April 7th, 14th, or 21st. With the 14th being the preferred date. Dorothea will let Trish know about this decision so she can query ACBL regarding availability of a Sanction.

5) Sunday Unit Games & LSM Facilities:

- a. Discussion regarding how to respond to BCNC regarding their offer to host the Unit Games. It has already been agreed that this is a good practical solution on those Sundays when we get bumped from both LSM facilities. A motion was made and seconded at the last Board meeting to use BCNC when we get bumped to Sunday. However, BCNC has offered to host all the games, which has occasioned a new discussion about this whole issue. We didn't have time to fully explore the possibilities.

6) A visit from District 22 President, Bill Grant:

- a. Bill Grant's visit was to explain the changes coming with regard to delivery of the Bridge Forum. He said there is a serious financial issue in the making with the secession of District 17 from the Western Conference. The idea being passed around is that the Forum be delivered electronically, thereby reducing the cost of distribution. His mission was to get feedback from the members as to how they would receive this change.

Unfortunately, due to the visit from Bill Grant, and the start of the Pot Luck Party, the meeting was called short of concluding agenda items and no new meeting date could be set due to Travel and other issues resulting in no Quorum available. Next meeting date TBD.

A motion was made (John), seconded (Jill) to adjourn at 11:30 AM. Passed (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothea Williams, Unit 549 Acting Secretary