

ACBL Unit 539 Board Meeting
January 7th, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M.

- **Minutes of October 1, 2023 Board Meeting.**
 - Motion to approve was put to vote. Minutes approved.

- **Financials**
 - Greg provided an overview of the July to November Financials.
 - Motion to approve July to November Financials was put to vote.
Financials Approved.

- **2024 Calendar**
 - We need to advertise the February 4th GNT qualification game.
 - The players' stratification was discussed. Lamy will reach out to the ACBL to understand how this is done. The objective is to make sure that players are "grouped" based on their MPs level.

- **Sectionals**
 - March Sectional will be held at Oasis who will provide some hospitality items such as coffee/tea and will have tables ready for us to set up in the large room. They will also provide bidding boxes but we will still need to bring ours just in case.
 - August Sectional (at Soledad) date has many conflicts. We will contact Soledad to see if alternative dates are possible. Thereafter, we can determine what our plan should/can be.

- **ACBL 5-5-5 Plan**
 - Lamy reviewed the ACBL plan. Our agreed approach to support this will be:
 - A Retention Contact Group was established. The group members are Jane, Marjorie, Bridget and Robin.

- Lamyia will create/extract a spreadsheet from the list provided by the ACBL with the names of the members that we will need to follow up on.
 - The Spreadsheet will be sent to the group members to decide who should contact whom.
- **Beginners Program Continuation at the North University Community Library**
 - The Basic Course that we ran in 2023 was completed. We had 12 students fully complete the course out of 18.
 - The plan for the 2024 “Supervised Play Lessons” was discussed and the associated cost of running it was presented. The Board approved to fund the cost for the first 2 months and review thereafter.
- **New Board Members**
 - It was agreed that we need to identify and recruit a Hospitality Board Member. Presently, this role is being filled on ad-hoc basis and spread around based on availability.
- **Next Board Meeting date: February 25th, 2024 at 9:30AM**