

**MINUTES**  
**ACBL SAN DIEGO UNIT 539 MEETING**  
**AUGUST 20, 2017**

Next meeting: Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Adventures in Bridge

Board members present: Lamya Agelidis, John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Gigette Caldwell, Carolyn Casey, Tom Herzog, Mike Koscielski, Pete Moyer, Larry Sherman, Martha Woodworth

Absent board members: None

Meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Lamya.

Minutes of July 16, 2017 meeting were circulated by e-mail. **Motion** to approve the minutes passed (unanimously).

**NEW BUSINESS**

Voting for District 22 director. Lamya noted she received ballots and voting packet intended for another unit but got official instructions on how to proceed. Members voted individually in sealed envelopes.

Post-mortem of open sectional and financial reports. Overall sectional was successful, except Sunday. Attendance was lowest it has been, but that likely reflects general decline in attendance at all tournaments. Discussed problems with air conditioning on Friday and timing of sectional in conflict with Phoenix regional and close to Nationals. Marina Village reserved for mid-August 2018. Publicity discussed: decided to upgrade from black and white to color flyers and to get flyers out earlier, 6 months before sectional. Decided to remove Swiss teams as options on Friday/Saturday because of low attendance. **Motion** to lower BCD bracket on Sunday sectional from 3000 to 2000 MP passed (8-1, with 1 abstention). Discussed adding third bracket on Sunday: 0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+, noting that 76% of Unit 539 players have under 1000 MP. **Action:** Larry will conduct research on those playing in limited Swiss team games, such as AIB's Tuesday game, to see what might entice them to play on Sunday at sectional.

Hospitality schedule. Schedule for hospitality for Unit games is set for calendar year.

January 7, 2018 holiday party. Soledad rental fee is \$400. **Action:** Kathy will create a flyer. Discussed current policy of giving free entry to those who have attended 12 Sunday unit games. Discussed moving holiday party to nicer outside venue in future and offering discounts, rather than free entries, such as La Jolla does. **Action:** Discussion tabled and we will keep current policy for this year. Discussed how we finance holiday party, and noted Unit does not have a budget. A budget would create more financial clarity for this and other issues. **Motion** to create budget committee headed by Pete and Lamya passed (unanimously). **Action:** Lamya will ask Wirt if he wants to have December 31 game.

Policy on member milestones. Unit will continue to honor master point milestones, but will not officially celebrate birthday milestones. As Membership chair, Larry sends cards to sick unit members.

Disposition of auction proceeds. No discussion as issue should be addressed during budget process.

Unit consolidation. Larry suggested consolidating our Unit 539 (San Diego with 700 members) with Unit 526 (La Jolla with 300 members) and Unit 519 (Coronado/Eastlake with 130 members). He noted that many of our members reside outside of our unit; that Unit 519 is too small to host sectionals; that membership in Unit 526 in particular is shrinking; and that it might be financially advantageous to all to consolidate the units. A membership vote will be required for consolidation. **Action:** Lamya, Larry, Kathy and John will put together consolidation proposal that we can present to other units.

Membership report. Larry's e-mailed report will be forthcoming. No discussion.

Partnership report. Mike e-mailed report. No discussion.

NLM sectional. Mike e-mailed report. No discussion.

Treasurer's report. Pete e-mailed report. No separate discussion, but was discussed during sectional post-mortem.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Martha Woodworth, Secretary*