

## ACBL – San Diego Unit 539 Minutes

January 20, 2008

Board members present: Ralph Baty, John Boackle, Vicki Creamer, Karen Dempsey, Deborah Elder, Barb Holles, Mary Huffaker, Joan Maden

Board members absent: Norma Huhn, Jan Fischer, and Marian Zeldin

*President*, Vicki Creamer called the meeting to order at 10:42 A.M.

**M/S/P (Holles/Maden) that the November 18, 2007 minutes were approved as read.**

*Treasurer*, Barb Holles reported that the checking account balance is \$2600.00 on December 31, 2007. There was a quarter ending (Dec, 2007) loss of \$1395.00. We made \$485.00 on the NAP Qualifier game and the Unit Games for the quarter showed a loss of \$118.25. Liz Garber will do the 2007 tax return.

Barb also reported that she has found and recommends a local charity she would like us to consider to receive donations from our Unit Charity Games. It is "Auntie Helen's" and they offer free laundry to people suffering from AIDS. A discussion followed.

**M/S/P (Holles/Maden) that the Unit send their donations to Auntie Helen's this year.**

Deborah suggested we let our members know more about the charities we are supporting by mentioning them by name in some of our handouts and perhaps even enclosing a brochure with future mailings.

Barb also reported that the ACBL Charity Fund is going to divide its annual amount of about \$100,000 among the districts. A portion of that could be a nice donation for our Unit to present to a charity. Barb will follow up and report on this.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Tournament Chairman*, Ralph Batty will have a meeting with Wirt Gilliam on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the details of the contract that the Unit has with the club. He will report on that at the next meeting. Ralph also starting planning for the upcoming Sectional on April 4-6 to be held at Adventures in Bridge.

*Club Manager*, John Boackle announced that there has been a change to our Unit schedule changing the GNT Qualifying Swiss Team Game to be changed to February 17<sup>th</sup> instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Super Bowl. He stressed the need to advertise this change to the membership and asked publicity to cover emails and a flyer outlining the change.

John also stated that the ACBL, in 2009, is changing the way they allocate points to units. Beginning in 2009 we will have 24 Unit Championships instead of the previous 16. A discussion ensued regarding just what the word "Championship" meant. Essentially, it means 'more points are available' to those playing than those the player would receive in a 'club' game.

*Future Life Master*, Joan Maden reported on the May Non Life Master (NLM) Sectional game. There had been a discussion of the number of master points in the pairs division. The flyers indicate what Jean Molnar suggested and that is 0 – 99 and 100- NLM.

Joan brought up the ongoing concern of the board regarding the attendance at the Sunday Unit games of NLM. She suggested we really try to run a NLM section starting in March and that Ken Maden would be happy to direct this section for the Unit for no fee.

**M/S/P (Maden/Elder) that the Unit set up a separate section for NLM (0-299) for the months of March and April.**

Publicity will need to advertise this fact to the membership through emails and flyers.

*Hospitality*, Mary Huffaker asked for someone to cover for her for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit Game. She will provide a shopping list and menu. Vicki volunteered to do the shopping. Mary will be able to come that Sunday to help with the set up.

*Awards*, no report in Jan Fischer's absence.

*Publicity*, Karen Dempsey has submitted the regular small ad to the forum for the February Forum Newsletter. It includes the new date of February 17<sup>th</sup> for the GNT Qualifier Game. It was suggested that flyers also be made available on the front table at Adventures in Bridge and it should be included in the email we ask Wirt to send. Flyers are currently available at AIB for the upcoming Sectionals in April and May.

*Membership*, Deborah Elder reported on the in and out transfers. The results of the new Welcome letter offering free play at a Unit game will be checked out at today's game.

*Partnership*, No report in Marian Zeldin's absence. (Thanks to Deborah for handling Partnerships at today's game.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fees for the GNT/Charity events will be \$8.00 (i.e., email discussions during the past month)

Vicki will ask Wirt Gilliam to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Director at the GNT's on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Election Committee will be Ron Huffaker and Ken Maden. Joel Hoersch will coordinate the printing of the ballot and he will need all the information by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Ballots should be mailed by May 1<sup>st</sup> giving the membership a full month to return their ballots. We will have 4 current members running for reelection, (5 members are remaining for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their term) and new candidates will fill out the ballot. Those running in the election need to have their short statements ready for the committee in February.

Vicki will put our Charity (Auntie Helen's Free Laundry) into the Forum next month

Vicki also reminded the Board that we should be visible at Unit meetings although no one volunteered today.

Next meeting: Sunday, February 17th at 10:30 AM at Adventures in Bridge.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 PM.  
Submitted January 20, 2008

Karen Dempsey for Norma Huhn, Secretary