

Board Meeting Minutes – Nov. 17, 2019
ACBL San Diego Unit 539

Board Members Present: Lamya Agelidis, John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Sam Madison, Pete Moyer, Jane Petering, Wendy Vaughn Platt, Stuart Showalter, Wayne Sottosanti

Board Members Absent: None

Call to order: 10:30 a.m.

New Business:

1. **Appointment of New Board Member:** Jane Petering has accepted a request to join the board, and Lamya moved that her appointment be confirmed. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously. Welcome, Jane!
2. **Approval of Minutes and Financial:** The minutes of the October meeting and the financial statements for September and October were approved.
3. **Tax Status:** Pete continues to work on obtaining documentation of our tax-exempt status. He will be in further contact with ACBL and the La Jolla unit before pursuing the question with the IRS and California officials.
4. **NLM Tournament Recap:** The lessons learned from the recent NLM Sectional were discussed, and these will be considered when planning future events. The question of using the Adams Avenue site for such tournaments was discussed, and we will check on its availability for a Thursday-Saturday timeframe. It was decided to delete any reference to a 0-50 MP game from advertising of future NLM Sectionals. If there is enough interest, such a game could be implemented on an *ad hoc* basis, but otherwise those players will be part of the larger game structure.
5. **2020 Sectional:** The Swiss team event was held on Thursday during the last sectional. It was agreed that there will be a quick poll to see if the members prefer Thursday or Saturday this year.
6. **2020 Appreciation Party:** The Appreciation Party will be held on January 5, and the flyer has been created. Kudos to Kathy for another nice design.
7. **December Unit Games:** The unit games in December will be held at the Escondido location. Enough board members plan to attend.
8. **E-Blast Services:** The cost/benefit factors surrounding various e-blast options need further study. Kathy will follow up.
9. **Education:** Our education coordinators, Sam and Wendy, reported that McKinley Elementary School in North Park is willing to participate but only once a month, which seems too infrequently to be of value. There is also a possibility of an after-school program in early 202. These issues will be discussed further with the school. Navy officials are quite eager to implement a program, and costs can be supported by the North Island Credit Union. This will start in January 2020. Wendy is working with the YMCA with a target date of next July to begin. A program for veterans is also being considered. Finally, it was noted that ACBL has available financial support and written materials for use in instruction.

10. **Bylaws Revision:** Stuart moved that the revised bylaws be proposed to the membership for a vote at a special membership meeting to be held on the day of the Appreciation Party. After a second, this motion passed unanimously. The proposal will be posted soon on the website and at each member club. Stuart will prepare a brief script for use by whoever chairs the membership meeting.

11. **Purchase of New Laptop and Software:** John proposed that we purchase a new laptop and related software for use in scoring unit games. Upon motion made and second, the proposal passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Showalter

Stuart Showalter, Secretary

Next meeting date: Sunday, January 19, 2020