

Board Meeting Minutes – Sept. 16, 2018
ACBL San Diego Unit 539

Board Members Present: John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Carolyn Casey, Pete Moyer, Stuart Showalter, Marge Van Hemert, and Sue Wightman

Board Members Absent: Lamy Agelidis, Alana Shapley, and Wayne Sottosanti

Call to order: 11:15 am.

New Business:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the July meeting were approved.
2. **Postmortem on Sectionals:** The sectionals resulted in a small positive bottom line, which was due mainly from the reduction of hospitality costs and sale of lunches. There was some discussion about use of Survey Monkey or other applications for a systematic approach to getting feedback from players, and the various options will need further study.
3. **Possible new tournament Venues:** Two new options were presented: the Jacobs Center in southeast San Diego near Euclid Avenue and Market St., and two venues in Balboa Park. The respective costs and availability will require more study.
4. **NLM Sectionals:** Preparations are underway for the October NLM Sectional at the Jewish Community Center in La Jolla. Members need to know that there will be some security procedures at the entrance, and this will be publicized.
5. **Future Sectionals.** The board discussed the possibility of holding up to two sessions at future sectionals (both Open and 0-750 NLM) which could be regionally rated and pay approximately 22% higher MPs. These special sessions would cost an additional \$4 per table payable to ACBL. There was a strong sentiment in favor of this option for the March sectional and beyond to potentially increase attendance. The afternoon sessions are usually less well attended, so it was proposed that we consider making those be the higher paying games each day.
6. **Location of 999er Game:** It was moved and seconded to seat the regular Unit 999er game in the small room from now on. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.
7. **Security of Email:** Due to an unfortunate recent scam, the board discussed possible improvements to the Unit data base and board members were asked to indicate what personal information they wanted to be included or removed.
8. **Game for New Members:** The idea of holding a special, once-a-year game for new members of ACBL as a way of encouraging their participation. John and Marge will work up a more detailed proposal and bring it back to a future meeting.

Standing Reports:

Standing reports had been circulated by email and required no further action.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Showalter, Secretary

Next meeting date: Sunday, October 21