

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting Unit 524
Sunday, January 16, 2022
11:30 AM
Via Zoom

Board Members: President Jim Craig, Vice President Suzanne Proctor, Treasurer Ken Johnson, Membership Anna Gervacio, Secretary Barbara Miller

President Jim Craig called the meeting to order at 11:28 a.m. on January 16, 2022.

1. Minutes- Barbara Miller

The minutes were corrected with the addition that the Gilroy Senior Center will not schedule the 2022 Earthquake Sectional at this time due to Covid.

MOTION: by Suzanne Proctor

Move to approve the corrected November 18, 2021 Unit 524 Board Minutes.

Seconded by Ken Johnson and passed without dissent.

A summary of the Christmas Party Unit business meeting will be written and presented at the February meeting.

2. Treasurers Report- Ken Johnson

Ken Johnson presented the Mechanics Bank Checking Account Statement ending 12/31/2021 showing a beginning balance of \$20,091.62, and ending balance of \$18,933.76 after deposits and withdrawals for the Christmas Party.

He included a Schedule of Fees and Charges from Mechanics Bank that will change on March 1, 2022 for the Units checking account.

Unit 524 Income and Expenses for 2021, a simplified annual report including only three games and a Christmas Party, showed a loss of \$180.29. The Income and Expenses for the 2021 Christmas Party showed a \$153.45 loss.

Ken noted that normally the Unit Games are cash neutral, and the Earthquake Sectional offsets some Christmas Party expenses. There was a discussion concerning availability and cost of facilities for the unit games and the Earthquake Sectional. Board members will investigate possibilities in the Morgan Hill, Gilroy, and Hollister area.

Ken presented the Unit 524 Net Worth for 2021. After a discussion of the items and our future needs, a committee was formed to investigate the bank balance needed in reserves to cover replacement cost and a projected timeline. Ken, Anna, and Suzanne volunteered to be on the committee. They will contact Win Stone for his input.

3. **Membership Reports**- Anna

- a. New Rankings: Vincent McLoughlin: Ruby Life Master
- b. In and Out Reports: Mrs. Ayako Narumi has transferred in from SM/RWC Unit 498

Anna stated that she met with Ralph Lyle to ensure a smooth transition as our new Membership Chair. She presented the updated membership spreadsheet and additional membership data. Of our 90 members, 73 are active members who played and earned MPs in 2021. 46 of these active members are women and 27 are men. Ten out of the top 14 MP earners are men.

Anna also presented many ideas to make Unit 524 and Bridge more visible and increase membership in Unit 524. The Board agreed that encouraging and supporting new members is vital to the survival of Unit 524. Anna will produce a survey for our members using Survey Monkey. The Board will brainstorm and bring a list of ideas to the next meeting.

4. **ACBL & District New/Reports:**

- a. President Jim Craig reported on District Meeting of 1/15/22. The poor attendance and resulting financial problems of the Monterey Regional due to Covid were explained.

An executive Committee is being formed.

The Reno NABC is moving forward.

North American Pairs had a good turnout with 12 more tables than the last event. Grand National Teams will be F2F Games in Oakland this March. No Club or Unit qualification is needed to enter, but the four person teams need to prepare.

There may be some changes from Districts to Regions at the national level of ACBL.

5. **New Business:**

- a. The strengths and areas of improvement of Unit 524 were discussed. There were questions concerning the need/wisdom of training more local directors.

5. **Old Business:**

- a. Report – The Christmas Party was reported as successful and enjoyable by the smaller number who attended. There were comments about the lack of silver points that were requested. Carol Nicoletti has made the reservation for next year.
- b. Carol Alcock has accepted the position of column writer for the district newsletter, Diamond in the Ruff.

c. The history of our website was reviewed. Currently, Win Stone posts results from his games, and Unit Games. Ken adds events to the calendar, financial news, other requests. We agreed that the website needs updating. Al Peponis has reached out to the Board to suggest updating the website for ease of use and adding resources for newer members. He also requested more visibility on the website for his Club including his lessons, games, and linking to his website as his lessons have resumed at the Morgan Hill Library. Board members suggested updating the convention page; adding links to online Bridge lessons, examples, and videos; and adding a page linking to "The Kids Table" movie. It was agreed that updates are needed, and questions were asked as to who would undertake the project and what would it cost. Anna will draft something on Survey Monkey to get input from our members.

d. 20 cloth table covers for the Unit Games card tables have arrived. Barbara has agreed to cover the tables at the Unit Games and wash the table covers.

6. **Earthquake Sectional Updates**- Suzanne Proctor

The 2022 Earthquake Sectional may be possible even though the Gilroy Senior Center is not accepting reservations at this time. It was reiterated that for proper planning the reservation must be made by March 2022. Suzanne has the Flyer ready. It was suggested that board Members search for alternative venues in their communities as a possible backup venue for the two-day event.

7. **Adjournment**: Next Board Meeting will be on February 20, 2022 at the Unit Game in Morgan Hill or via Zoom.

Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Miller