# ACBL UNIT 559 BOARD MINUTES

**September 9, 2024**

1. The Zoom meeting of the ACBL Unit 559 Board of Directors was called to Order by President Lisa Walker at 7 PM. Present were Liza Billington, Kathy Cresto, Don Garner, Patricia Luehrs, Angela Peters, Gloria M. Rommel, and Lisa Walker. Board members Sherry Hansen, Miriam Harrington (who was unable to connect), Morris Jones, and Michael Rodrigues did not attend the meeting, Also present at the meeting was Roy Wilson, Webmaster.
2. Lisa Walker asked for a motion that the minutes of the July 8, 2024 Board meeting prepared by Secretary Don Garner be approved. Upon motion of Pat Leuhrs, seconded by Liza Billington, the minutes prepared by the Secretary were unanimously approved by the Board.
3. The current financials for the Unit as of September 9, 2024, prepared by Miriam Harrington, were disseminated to the Board prior to the meeting. The financials report that the Unit has $14,109.34 in the bank. The Board also reviewed the financial statement prepared by Miriam Harrington for the July 2024 Sectional, showing a net profit of $1,906.00 from the event. Upon motion by Kathy Cresto and seconded by Pat Leuhrs, the financials were unanimously approved by the Board.
4. Lisa Walker gave an update on the Over/Under game to be held on September 29, 2024 at Pasadena Bridge Club. Currently there are 25 Over and 25 Under participants signed up. Lisa requested that the Board consider whether to offer pizza at the expense of the Unit at the current cost of pizza at the Unit games. Currently we pay the Pasadena Bridge Club $120 for pizza and snacks at each Unit game. A motion made by Angela Peters and seconded by Patricia Leuhrs to approve pizza and snacks for this special game was unanimously approved. The Board also discussed some Board members bringing cookies or other snacks and there was also general agreement that they would do that.
5. The Holiday Party is set for December 15, 2024 at the Arcadia Community Center. A committee was formed to investigate various food options for the party consisting of Kathy Cresto, Pat Leuhrs, Liza Billington and Lisa Walker. They will meet independently before the next meeting and bring their findings to the Board.
6. Lisa Walker has booked the Arcadia Community Center for the Unit 559 Sectional to be held on August 9-10, 2025 at a cost of $1,704 for two days. We will also investigate other options including La Salle Preparatory School to see if we can find an alternative venue that is suitable and less expensive.
7. The Unit has not yet received the funds from the generous scholarship bequest from the estate of Ron Moeckel. In this regard, Lisa Walker spoke to Mitch Dunitz at the Irvine Regional and he is very willing to assist our Unit in working out a strategy for using these educational funds through his already existing non-profit organization.
8. Unit games are scheduled for the rest of 2024 on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.
9. There was some discussion about the Unit’s membership directory and the viability of printing and disseminating it. Gloria Rommel is very concerned about this. The directory is currently available on the website with names of all those members who have opted to be included, and for all Board members. Members’ master point rankings are also available on the website. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting in order that members who are interested in doing this bring back costs for printing and dissemination so the full Board can evaluate the cost/benefit of taking this additional step.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Garner, Secretary