

Unit 531 Board Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2017

Present: Leon Fisher, Louise Manganelli, Mary Fenton, Joan Kroener, Richard Gold, Gene Katz, Lorraine Gordon, Don Cooper.

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 am.

Old Business: The minutes of January 8 were approved with amendment of Gene Katz as Tournament Chairman.

The previous issue about zero tolerance has been resolved.

There will be no official publicity chairman.

Don Cooper will be placing an ad in the Forum for each sectional tournament.

Unit game dates have been confirmed for 3/12, 4/2, 6/11, 7/2, 8/13, 9/3, 10/1, 11/19.

There will be no unit game in December due to lack of available facility.

New Business: Richard Gold had various questions about the Forum article format. Christine Denny will help him with this. The submission is due the 5th of each month. There is a mandate to acknowledge new unit members as well as the achievement of new master point levels of all members.

Don Cooper was an invited guest to review his activities as webmaster for the unit.

There was discussion of possible integration of member information on the website with a need to have permission to release personal contact information. Don has improved the website and improved the calendar function on the website.

Louise Manganelli brought to the board's attention recent increase in rents impacting the games in Oceanside with a need to negotiate more favorable terms. Louise will be contacting the facility to discuss this.

It was noted that there is no February unit game, having had 2 games in January. On 3/12, Mary Fenton will be away and the Nelsons will be in charge of food; Joan Kroener will be away and Lorraine Gordon will function as secretary that date.

There has been a proposal to change the starting time of the unit game from 1 PM to 12:30.

The potential impact of this on attendance was discussed. Leon Fisher planned to poll unit members at today's unit game to get a consensus of member opinion. This will again be discussed at the next board meeting. There was also discussion of possibly offering occasional free games for unit members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.