

**American Contract Bridge League Unit 531  
North San Diego County Coastal  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am by President Patricia Kell.

Those present were Patricia Kell, President/Secretary, Ann Stephens, Vice President/Educational Liaison, Carol Boyer, Treasurer/Unit Game Coordinator, Jack Ackrell, Pianola Coordinator; Marty Carnevale, Member-at-Large; Rick Cohen, Sargent-at-Arms; Larry Kavounas, Web-Master/D22 Connection Correspondent, and Susie Anson guest. Not present was Norman Schwartz, Recorder.

The minutes from September 27, 2024, were unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and accepted by the Board and is attached to these minutes. The board unanimously agreed to reimburse Dr. Jack Ackrell \$15 for Pianola expenses and Ann Stephens for the expenses incurred for the November Unit Game. Treasurer Boyer announced that a check in the amount of \$1,267.82 has been received from the ACBL and deposited to the bank.

Ann Stephens, Vice-President/Educational Liaison presented an oral report on efforts to create a Bridge Lessons program. She is having difficulty in getting people to commit. It was unanimously agreed that the Unit would continue to offer Free Play to ACBL members with less than 20 Master Points. Susie Anson reported that lessons are being offered to residents of Ocean Hills by Casey Shoenhard and other members of Unit 531.

The board discussed arrangements for the November 16, 2024, Holiday Event. Treasurer Boyer announced as of this day we have 9 tables, fully paid via Zeffy. A discussion was held about permitting at the game dogs which are not Certified Assistant dogs. A motion was made by Rick Cohen, seconded by Carol Boyer, and unanimously approved to restrict such dogs from Unit Games.

A ballot for the 25/26 election was reviewed. Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Cohen agreed to distribute and collect ballots for the election starting November 1, 2024.

The Board discussed the latest ACBL offer to Unit participating in StaC games awarding Silver Points, stating Units could register to hold a StaC game a month. The second Saturday was discussed as a potential date, with Potluck lunches. Ida Burcham would be available to direct on the second Saturday, Treasurer Carol Boyer will check with the Woman's Club to determine availability. The Unit receives 24 games per month, the remaining 12 games would be distributed to the four Club Games within the Unit.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kell, Secretary