

ACBL Unit 507 Board Meeting

April 9, 2019, 5:30 pm

Minutes

In Attendance, Ray Yuenger, Lynn Bartz (arrived late) Bob Dean, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Mike Hughes, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Mich Ravera, Anne Bossange

The meeting was called to order. The minutes were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent. The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged.

New Business:

The board selected the date of November 2, 2019 for our unit NAP qualifier. The Diablo Valley Sectional is being held on 11/9 and 11/10. Ventura's regional is November 2 but Ventura is far enough away that it shouldn't be a factor. Ray will get the sanction.

The board members whose two-year terms are lapsing are Ray, Mischel, Anne, Mich, Karen, and Bob. All are interested in continuing to serve.

Unfinished Business:

Premises -- There is nothing new with regards to maintenance of the premises. Ray received another email from Tina, the facilities manager, who reported that the outside doors to the parking lot were left open Friday evening March 26. Ray will clarify with Tina whether the time to close the outside doors is 7:00 or 8:00.

Membership Game -- It will be held on July 14 in the Roosevelt Room of the Campbell Community Center which is already booked and paid for.

Sectional sites -- Mariani's is in the process of remodeling but someone from Mariani's will be available by May 1st to talk about the possibility of renting space to us for one of our sectionals. Mischel will contact them at that time. Stu talked with Facilitron and learned that a number of schools don't have any activities scheduled for October so space may be available at one of the high schools. Many schools in Milpitas have openings. Milpitas High School is off highway 680. The listed rate for the main cafeteria at Milpitas High is \$762.00 a day for a non-profit plus a custodial fee. Use of the kitchen is extra. Plenty of parking is available. West Valley was \$1500.00 a day. Ray will follow up. The preferred weekend is October 18 and 19. Shirley suggested looking at Catholic churches. The ACBL says that every unit must have a sectional every 2 years.

Henryk Szejnwald will purchase 22 of our old BridgePad scoring devices for \$25.00 per unit. Ray will check to see if the unit originally purchased these devices.

Committee reports:

There are 2 new members, and 2 members who transferred out for a total of 669 members.

District/National News: -- The ACBL incurred heavy losses last year. \$770,000 was due to unexpected low attendance at the Hawaii nationals, \$330,000 was due to nonperforming Customer Relationship Management Software (CRM), \$990,000 due to a breach of contract action, and an unknown amount for terminating the CEO without cause. On the upside, the ACBL's retirement medical program was \$300,000 less than predicted. Revenues are \$16,000,000 a year.

There's an outstanding lawsuit having to do with the Tournament Directors not being paid enough. Child care was cancelled in Hawaii and shall henceforth be provided by ACBL if practical.

Club appreciation games; can run 2 pair games or 2 Swiss games during club appreciation month.

The Board of Directors amended the Code of Disciplinary Regulations to prohibit the readmission of any player who has been expelled for premeditated collusive cheating in an NABC + event, or who resigned with such disciplinary charges pending. ACBL Management has been directed to develop a policy allowing for voluntary relinquishment of NABC+ titles.

There is a proposal to restructure the Boards of Governors and of Directors with the Board of Governors dealing with bridge issues and the Board of Directors being selected based on their abilities to handle finance issues and their strength in strategic planning.

The Regional Tournament to be held in Sparks, Nevada will hold mostly 10:00 and 3:00 sessions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Bossange and Ray Yuenger