

Minutes for the August, 2015 board meeting for unit 507 of the ACBL

Attending: Ray Yuenger, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Linda Nemmer, Rich Jasper, Jeff Hack, Doug Hong, Stu Goodgold, Judy Fisher

Previous Board Meeting Minutes - Accepted as amended

Secretary's Report – Accepted as amended

Treasurer's Report – Total assets \$10,712 as of June 30, 2015. We still have the \$800 due from the landlord for plumbing expenses.

District News – The next district meeting will be the Sunday, September 6, 2015 at the All Western Regional. There was a clarification of conflicting starting times and potential parking questions for the All Western regional. Elections for district positions will be later in August.

Membership – 5 new members, 3 transferred in, and 3 transferred out. 680 total members. We also have one new Life Master as of August 1st.

There was a discussion on how the ACBL is notified in the case of a member's death. There was also a discussion on the non-payment of ACBL fees and how it was the Membership Chairman's task to keep on top of that delinquent list.

Facilities and Capital Improvements – The months-long, ongoing dispute of the \$800 plumber's charge for repairing the sink and coffee pot, is still unresolved and on our books. Ray had Dan Turkus negotiating with the landlord with no results. Our last resort is small claims court. The women's toilet has water on the floor surrounding one of the toilets. The landlord has been notified.

Unit games – The month's unit game will be a team game directed by Judy.

We had 25 and a half or 26 tables at our Membership Appreciation dinner on July 12, 2015. In the previous 3 years, the table count has been 29, 30, and 31, dropping a table a year.

The last Pro-Am game was in June and the idea was discussed to have one every 6 months, the next one in December, 2-15. Jeff proposed a Life Master-Pro Game ranking and pairing the Life Masters and Pros, top to bottom. There would be a separate non-Life Master section. This would be a lot of hard work to rank and pair the entrants, but Lynn had done this recently.

Our unit games have historically been held on various days of the week, but now it's more of a fixed day, e.g. the second Monday of the month. If it's not going to be fixed, we need to publicize what day it's been moved to.

Linda proposed a pairs "Battle of the Bay" game with, for example, the Palo Alto unit. There would be perhaps 6 strats between the 2 sites, and have a qualification on day 1 and a final on day 2. We could hold this event on some Saturday to increase attendance. A motion was made,

seconded, and passed that Linda would try to coordinate such a 2-session unit game with Palo Alto.

New Business - The name change of our unit to the Silicon Valley Unit 507 has happened. It is now official with the ACBL and our unit's web site is reachable with <http://www.siliconvalleybridge.org> or the shorter <http://www.svbridge.org>, as well as the well-known <http://www.sjbridge.org>. All three URL's will get you to the same pages. Also the header on the web pages have been changed to "Unit 507 - Silicon Valley".

The district unit board elections can be held by a special, dedicated meeting or be e-mail ballot. Using e-mail is preferred.

Since Dan Turkus's latest attempt at resolving the plumbing repair dispute with the landlord has failed, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to initiate a small claims action. This has been going on since January, 2015. The landlord may countersue with a bogus claim, e.g. a disputed late lease payment a few months ago (March or April or May) or he may bring up the additional electrical usage for our coke machine, but we need to get this resolved.

Mischel reports that Corpus Medical (who shares our building) is doing well with new customers, that there's no space for them to eat lunch. Mischel will write to Anne suggesting a place be designated for lunch.

Judy asked to clarify our bulletin board guidelines regarding what we will publicize or not. It has to be bridge related, not artwork for sale for example. And previously we had said that sectional flyers for other units will be placed on a table along the windows, but we don't have a table designated, so now they're mixed in with our stuff on the bulletin board. A motion was made, seconded, and approved that from now on, other units' flyers will be moved off the bulletin board and placed on the side of the cabinet next to the windows.

Doug has put in an authorization for a Limited (less than 500 masterpoints) sectional for February 27-28, 2016.

Linda suggested we paint the inside of our club. A motion was made, seconded and passed that if we can get volunteers to paint, the unit would pay for the paint and supplies.

Along the same lines, Mischel suggested we wash all the bidding boxes, shampoo the carpet, and clean the chairs.

Since the All Western Regional overlaps the normal first-Tuesday-of-the-month unit board meeting on September 1, the next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Submitted by Rick Jasper