

## **Unit 507 board meeting December 9, 2014**

**Present** were Ray Yuenger, Rick Jasper, Mischel Postas, Karen O'Connell, Stu Goodgold, Jeff Hack, Judy Fisher, Linda Nemmer, Mich Ravera, Mary Steele

**Minutes** reviewed and accepted with one change.

**Financial reports** were reviewed.

**National reports.** There is a new ACBL president and a technology task force to oversee development of ACBLScore, taking a write-off of \$1.9 million on previous efforts to supersede ACBLScore. The league has a new privacy policy. For tournaments, sanction fees (2%) and directors' fees (5%) are increasing. Attendance is down at sectionals (6%) and STAC week (4%). New formats approved for NLM sectionals up to 500 mps. At regionals can have three strats above gold rush pairs. In 2015, the longest day will be on two days (Sunday, Monday). Format of progressive sectional described.

**Membership**-Mischel reported on membership gains and losses.

**Premises**-Mischel reported blind will be installed on glass door Thursday morning between 8 and 9 a.m. We keep having to supply toilet paper to building's bathrooms. Their toilet paper is locked up.

**Capital improvements**-The board voted via email to purchase a new club computer. Ray reported that an anonymous donor obtained a new computer for the club after the vote. There was discussion about why club computers need to be replaced every year. Judy Fisher said she would notify directors to limit use to games and lessons at club and to keep children off the computer. Ray mentioned there is now a log book for recording any software changes or updates to club computer.

**Unit games**-We have directors for games on December 15 and January 12. Latter game is team game with 8 is Enough theme, which is explained on unit's website.

**NLM sectional**-The board voted via email to hire Lynn Yokel as director in charge of the NLM sectional at the end of February. She is available and not required to charge official ACBL fees. She will select assistant directors.

**Regular sectional**-We are limited to having two strats above our "silver rush" pairs, so Ray changed the schedule accordingly, and also rolled back Friday night flights to earlier

mp boundaries, as there were no B pairs at last sectional in B/C/D. There was much email discussion about other possible sectional format changes, but live discussion will be postponed to future meetings.

**Naming rights**-Jeff proposed selling naming rights to sectionals, events, club games. He will investigate and report back.

**Goodwill nominee**-District 21 would like our recommendation for a goodwill nominee. Request tabled till next meeting.

**Next meeting** scheduled for January 13 because 6th is during Monterey regional.

**Adjourned.**

Submitted,

Ray Yuenger