

Minutes for the February, 2017 board meeting for Unit 507 of the ACBL on February 14, 2017.

Attending: Ray Yuenger, Mich Ravera, Karen O'Connell, Judy Fisher, Mischel Postas, Stu Goodgold, Malcolm McLaughlin, Doug Hong, Lynn Bartz, Rick Jasper

Previous Meeting's Minutes - Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Total Assets \$12, 718 on January 31, 2017. \$14, 827 on December 31, 2016.

New Business: Doug's motion approved to honor Ace of Clubs & Mini-McKenney winners at the Membership game and New Life Masters at Holiday party. Due to winners' declining interest in appearing for pins, the unit will no longer purchase the pins.

Regarding the two pending small claims actions to recover security deposit and last month's rent from our former landlord, Sanjay was served on January 17, 2017. The hearing was scheduled for January 25, 2017, but Sanjay filed for a continuance. Stu attended the hearing. A new court date was set for March 29, 2017. The Judge pointed out that proofs of service were not on file. Ray will file forms that Mischel completed. The Judge pointed out that a fictitious business name statement ("doing business as") must be filed before an entity can bring a small claims action. While there is an exception for non-profit (503c4 or 501c4) associations such as the unit, the unit's partnership with the owners is the plaintiff in the small claims actions, so Ray recommends we file two DBA's, one for the unit/owners partnership and one for the Owners' association. According to our current and former lease, the partnership is doing business as the "San Jose Bridge Club." The Owners' association is the San Jose Bridge Center Association. The owners will have to decide whether to file their own FBN statement.

A question was brought up regarding US mail delivery at the club. There is a slot in the door for mail, but apparently, mail has only been delivered once since we've moved in. The address for the Owner's association should have gone to Judy Fisher.

In order to file a DBA, there is a \$40 filing fee and the cost to publish a notice in the newspaper.

The partnership could also get a business license, or file with the Secretary of State, and file income taxes, but those are all separate from the DBA.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to file a DBA for the partnership between the unit and Owner's association. Ray will file this. Ray will work with Judy regarding the second DBA for the Owners association.

Sanjay did offer us \$3,000 to settle the Small Claims action, but our claim is about \$6,000 and doesn't include the 7% pre-judgement interest, nor the 10% post-judgement interest.

We also need the physical photos documenting our court case.

Old Business:

Premises: We have new bathroom keys that work much better. The door sign was replaced with our name.

The company that made and supported the Bridge Pads has gone out of business. The Bridge Mates that the club have been using have been on loan from Mich. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to purchase those Bridge Mates and their server from Mich for \$1,500, sharing the cost between the unit (75%) and the Owners' association (25%) as is normally done for capital improvements. Doug has offered the fee he would have been paid for duplicating the boards at the last fall sectional towards the cost of electronic scoring devices.

Sectional: Ray has signed the agreement with West Valley College (WVC) for the Spring Sectional. We will be hosting only the Saturday and Sunday games, March 25 and 26, at WVC. We had already agreed to host the Friday evening game at the club. Ray also provided WVC with evidence of our non-profit association status, but we still need to provide WVC of proof of insurance. Ray committed to doing that.

Before the meeting, Lynn Bartz had sent e-mail with the beginnings of a new partnership agreement between the unit and the Owners' association. Ray proposed forming a subcommittee of Lynn, Ray and others (Malcolm expressed interest) to refine the language the agreement for later ratification at a future board meeting.

Membership: 4 players transferred into our unit last month, 4 players transferred out, and the unit added 7 new members, for a total of 702 members. According to Mischel, Mary Steele does not want to do the Welcome letters to new members any more.

District & National Report: There will be a new District 21 regional in Reno/Sparks the first full weekend of October, 9-15, 2017, but it conflicts with District 17's regional in Taos, New Mexico. They will have to work out that conflict, but the Reno contract with the hotel has already been signed.

District 17 may drop out of the Western Conference, leaving only Districts 21 and 22.

The ACBL CEO is leaving at the end of July, 2017.

The date of San Jose Non-Life Master sectional that Doug chairs, was never set because of the question of where the club would be located. Since the club's location is now settled, Doug proposed holding the Non-LM sectional at the end of 2017, e.g. late October.

The High School Championship that Debbie Rosenberg has held in years past, may be scheduled as part of the Youth Regional, perhaps alongside our Spring 2018 sectional?