

ACBL Unit 507 Board Meeting

January 8, 2019, 5:30 pm

Minutes

In Attendance, Ray Yuenger, Lynn Bartz, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Jeff Hack, Doug Hong, Mike Hughes, Karen O'Connell, Mich Ravera, Jack Version, Anne Bossange

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

New Business:

The annual financial statement is available for review and will be kept a binder in the desk drawer at the club.

Henryk Szejnwald, the manufacturer, offered to buy our old BridgePad scoring devices. No decision will be made until we determine the price.

Mini-McKenney Medallions- In the past we awarded the winners with a medallion and a free play. The Ace of Clubs winners received certificates. Recently winners have been recognized at the membership game. The parent of a young winner of one of the Mini-McKenney sections would like his child to receive a medallion. Ray suggested taking a look at who the winners are and ordering medallions for them from the ACBL once the ACBL puts out the list of winners in February. Jack suggested getting a plaque for the Mini-McKenney winners and one for the Ace of Club winners and engraving the names of the winners each year. Mich moved to buy medallions for winners who have fewer than 1000 points if possible, and if not then purchase medallions for all the winners. Others suggested that the winners should buy their own medallions. Doug encouraged us to spend our money on the players. Lynn Yokel suggested that she hold a Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs game during which the medals, certificates and the free play are presented. Lynn B amended Mich's motion to buy a set of Mini-McKenney medals for all the 2018 winners. Mike seconded it and it passed with unanimous consent.

Unit Game- Jeff suggested that we host an individual, one session, unit game on Feb 2 beginning at noon. The unit is permitted 24 unit games per year. He checked and there is nothing else scheduled. Mich agreed to direct. The unit pays for the refreshments. Ray offered to get the sanction. Mike made a motion to have an individual unit game on Feb 2. Mich seconded it and abstained from voting. All others voted yes. Ray will publicize with Pianola. Lynn B will prepare a flyer for the wall and a sign up sheet. Jeff will write an article regarding the individual Unit Game.

Unfinished Business:

Premises- Jeff brought a smoke detector to be installed at the club. He will also continue to research the best way to break the windows if the door is blocked and a window is the only exit available. Jeff will talk to the window companies about the best device to break a window.

Sectional sites- Ray emailed Kevin Leary about the possibility of using the PABC for our sectional. In order to use the site it needs to be cleared with the unit board, the landlord and we'll need to get parking permits. Ray will continue to investigate. The Campbell Community Center is big enough to hold all the fall games on Saturday. On Sunday it would be necessary to have a split site Sectional and have the BCD games in Campbell and the rest of the games at our San Jose facility. Lynn Y says we'd be able to staff it. It would require moving all the tables and chairs from one room at the Campbell Community Center to another. Doug said it would be possible to put tables in the van and then on Sunday move them to the small room. Ray will investigate. We have next week to pull it together for a March sectional or we won't have enough time to comply with all the requirements for hosting a sectional. Ray will check with the community center tomorrow.

Website- Lynn B began building a beta website using Wix. It's very flexible, easy to use, free and allows for some sophisticated features. There's an \$11.00 a month charge for advertising. Lynn B. doesn't think it's necessary or desirable to pay someone to build a website.

Committee reports:

There are 6 new members, 2 transferred in, 2 transferred out for a total of 670 members

District/National News:

The district will increase the charge for renting tables for sectionals from \$1.25 to \$1.75 a table. It was decided to give Calvin Harper a \$1,000.00 bonus.

At the Santa Clara All Western the parking will be \$15.00 and there will be no in and out privileges. This is still being negotiated. The Reno regional in October will have start times of 10 and 3 and a side game at 7:00.

The Nationals are in San Francisco in November – The ACBL will be handling all expenses for food, registration etc. The district board voted for a \$10,000 reserve fund.

There's a scam going around about asking unit treasures to send money.

On the Friday of the Santa Clara regional there will be a special low rate for players under 300 MPs.

The annual District Goodwill recipients are on the district website.

Players need to register 8 days in advance for the GNT.

The NAP district qualifier is Saturday, Nov 23 for flights B and C and January 2 and 3, 2020 for Flight A

There is a District NLM regional on March 14 and 15, 2020 at the PABC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Bossange and Ray Yuenger