

ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

January 12, 2021, 5:30 pm

Minutes

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Bob Dean, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Doug Hong, Mike Hughes, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Anne Bossange

The meeting was called to order. The minutes from December were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged.

Old Business:

Mischel was elected to the position of Vice President of Unit 507 with the unanimous support of the board.

Committee reports:

In and Out Report- 1 reinstated member, 3 new members, 2 transferred, 1 from PA and one from Seattle. We now have 626 members.

Owner's Association /partnership Report-

Judy has not yet received the report from the ACBL so there is no information currently available about how much the clubs are earning from the BBO games.

Sanjay- Patricia Steele has not gotten back to Ray with any information about a skip trace service. Ray and Judy will discuss how to proceed.

District/ACBL reports:

Lynn Bartz and Doug Hong will be the Unit's representatives to the District Board. They will now be called Board Directors rather than Representatives. There will not be a regional tournament in Sacramento and most likely none in Santa Clara as well. There is no news on the Western Conference.

The District Bylaw changes that follow will most likely not have an impact on the Units:

It used to be that the President had a one-year term and then ran uncontested for a second term.

The proposal to the District Board is, in part, that the President will have a two-year term, and can be reelected once after the two-year term comes to an end thereby possibly serving for four years.

Already added to the bylaws is that any officer can be removed at any time by a two-thirds vote.

Tracy Bauer spoke against the motion since it could conceivably result in one person serving

eight-years in two key positions: four years as Vice-President and four years as President. That scenario would also allow for 12 years on the Executive Committee.

Doug made a motion asking the Unit Board to advise our District Board Directors, Doug and Lynn, whether or not to extend the terms of the four District Board Officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer from one year to two-year terms. Judy provided a second to the motion. The Board voted in favor of extending the terms except that Ray abstained and Mike voted against it. If passed by the District Board, the terms would be retroactive to January 2020.

The January Bulletin sets forth the new alert procedure. No tournaments will be held through the end of April. Any decision with regards to future tournaments will be reviewed and decided upon as the situation evolves.

The District Bylaws committee considered 12 sets of proposed technical amendments and ten sets of proposed substantive amendments. They approved 21 of 22 amendments. 18 went in as proposed and two were modified during the meeting. There was also a gender neutralization of the bylaws.

BBO is now charging tax on the purchase of BBO bucks. Either Ray or Bruce Blakely will get in touch with the Franchise Tax Board and request a statement that services are not taxable in California. Three people are running for two positions on the Board of Governors.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Bossange and Mich Ravera