

Unit Board Meeting July 5, 2016

Attendees: Ray Yuenger, Rick Jasper, Mischel Postas, Mary Steele, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Karen O'Connell, Mich Ravera, Doug Hong, and Lynn Bartz

This July meeting is the annual unit board refresh. Every unit board member's term is 2 years.

- This month, Jeff Hack's, Linda Nemmer's, Stu Goodgold's, Doug Hong's, and Mary Steele's term have expired.
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- Jeff and Linda have decided to step down from the board.
- Stu and Doug will continue on the board.
- Since Mary had resigned from the board but reconsidered, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to reinstate her.
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- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to add Lynn Bartz to the board.
- A motion was made and seconded to remove Doug from the board due to absenteeism, but it only garnered 3 Aye votes, so the motion failed.
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The board is supposed to be comprised of 9 to 12 members, and with these changes, we currently have 11 members including the 7 mid-term members, Ray, Rick, Mischel, Karen, Mich, and Erin Gove. There was discussion that Malcom McLaughlin might join the board, but he has fallen ill and is unable to do so.

Motions were made, seconded, and passed for each board officer position, the result being that each current officeholder will continue with their positions, namely Ray Yuenger President, Mich Ravera Vice President, Erin Gove Secretary, and Karen O'Connell Treasurer.

Meeting Minutes for June were approved.

Financial Reports: Approved. Cash on hand is \$13,041 including prepaid rent. Total assets are \$14,505.

District and National Reports:

- According to the BridgeWinners web site, Gary Hann has made a lot of motions recently to amend the ACBL by-laws, for example, to reduce the expense of board

members attending the 3 annual Board of Governors meetings by using video conferencing. The summer Board of Governor's meeting is an open membership meeting where if a minimum of 250 ACBL members attend, the board can be forced to consider and vote on Gary Hann's motions.

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- Since Jeff has left the unit's board, Ray has appointed himself the unit's representative to the district meetings.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: This was formerly Jeff's committee, but since the unit is being evicted from our current location, this committee is no longer needed. If the unit did decide to purchase an AED, financial help may be available. The fire extinguisher that was previously purchased, was never installed, which is good since we're leaving the White Oaks location
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- Membership: Last month saw 6 members transfer in, no members transfer out, and 5 new members for a total membership is 710.
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- Premises: The women's restroom now has a motion detector to control the lights, resulting in pitch darkness when the lights turn off. This is very irritating to those that haven't finished yet.

Continuing Business:

The Sunday, June 17 Unit game will be an Ice Cream social. There was discussion about whether it is really a Unit game or a Unit championship when the Unit provides a Unit game sanction but does not hire the director and does not take the proceeds of the game.

Next was a discussion about competing flyers for the upcoming Silicon Valley Unit 507 Sectional in October, and whether we board members preferred Mischel's "Tree Structure" layout or Ray's "Box Structure" layout. After much discussion about what text should be in **bold** and/or *italics*, we voted for the Tree Structure.

The upcoming Membership Game will be held this Sunday, July 10. We need 26 tables present to have a forum of members in order to hold the vote of the proposed by-law change to allow the word "mail" in the section discussing how members will be notified of the annual membership meeting, shall include e-mail.

The grounds for the Unlawful Detainer (aka eviction notice) the unit has received from the landlord is valid and we are not going to fight it. Instead, an "Agreement to Vacate" has been negotiated and signed between the unit board and the landlord laying out the terms that basically, we will be out on or before Wednesday, August 31, 2016.

New Business:

We have learned that the site of the old "San Jose Bridge Club" at 1190 Bascom Avenue is available. Various board members have visited the site and agree that while smaller than what we have today at the White Oaks site (1463 square feet versus the 1950 we have today), Lynn believes we can fit up to 20 tables and we can make it work. The new site needs some work done before we can move in though, including interior walls that need to come down, and a small kitchen area built. Linda Nemmer drew up a plan for these changes and the board has submitted a "Request for Tenant Improvements" to the landlord. Negotiations with the landlord are continuing, but the prospect is bright that we can work out the details and soon sign a lease.

This time frame overlaps the Santa Clara Regional, which runs from Tuesday, August 30, through Monday, September 5. Since the club games were going to be shut down anyway during the regional, this would be a good time to move out of the old, White Oaks site and into the (hopefully) new, Bascom Avenue site. We need to plan out this move!

There currently is a partnership agreement between the unit board and the club owners' association spelling out the relationship the two parties, e.g. who pays for the rent, capital improvements, et cetera. A discussion over the terms of that contract and whether or not we should modify the contract was had. A motion to continue under the existing agreement was made and seconded. It was decided that the board members who are also an club owner (Judy, Mich, Doug, and Mary) should abstain. The vote for the motion was 4 ayes, and 3 abstentions, thus passing the motion.

It was noted that recent board meetings went longer than the hour and 15 minutes we have before people start arriving for the Tuesday night game, and many times, important topics on the agenda were getting skipped. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to plan future board meetings to discuss high-priority items earlier in the meeting.

A motion was made to form a Youth & Education Bridge Special Committee that would issue guidelines to directors, e.g. that the entry fee is half price for anybody under 26 years of age.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, August 2.