

## ACBL Unit 507 Board Meeting

July 10, 2018, 5:30 pm

### Minutes

In Attendance, Ray Yuenger, Lynn Bartz, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Mich Ravera, , Anne Bossange.

The meeting was called to order. The minutes were reviewed and approved with one correction. The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged.

#### New Business:

Board composition- The four Board officers (Ray Yuenger, Mich Ravera, Karen O'Connell and Anne Bossange) agreed to continue in their current positions. Judy made a motion to reappoint the four officers and Lynn Bartz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ray clarified a joking reference at the last meeting about having accepted a resignation by Mary Steele. In reviewing the minutes, it appears that Mary resigned at the end of May 2016 and then reconsidered. The board accepted her resignation, but reinstated her to a new term in July 2016. After that she attended 2 meetings. In June 2018 her term lapsed which created a vacancy.

Bob Dean and Mike Hughes have both volunteered to join the board. Because we have only one position available a bylaws change would be needed in order to add a 13<sup>th</sup> member. Stu objected to changing the bylaws for this purpose so soon after the board was authorized to change the bylaws. Ray will discuss with Doug if he's willing to be a non-voting board member since he's busy with other endeavors and is sometimes unavailable for the board meetings. Judy moved that we ask Bob Dean to join the board immediately, Lynn Bartz seconded it and it passed unanimously. Judy moved to add Mike Hughes to the board as soon as we can. Mich seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Website- Lynn Bartz brought up whether the board was ready to decide on using the website building tool in the Pianola software suite. Ray explained that Pianola offers three sets of tools useful to a bridge club. One is the results delivery service used by some directors. Another is its capacity to send mass emails on an individualized basis and possibly avoid the spam filters of some browsers. The third is the website design tools. The unit cannot decide whether the directors will want to keep using the results delivery, but if the directors want to pay for that service, the unit will decide whether to share the cost of \$60 monthly in order to use the other two tools when our free trial comes to an end.

While Ray likes Lynn's website redesign using Pianola, he objects to the amount of "white space" required by those tools. There are also some questions about Pianola's email delivery based on Ray's distribution of a District 21 newsletter using the ACBL's version of Pianola. There was some suggestion that the ACBL may begin charging to use its version of Pianola. Ray will be looking into other email

delivery software as recommended in an article in PC magazine. Ray will also be looking into other website building software such as that provided by BridgeWebs.

Ray mentioned that the bylaws on the website need to be updated to add the last two or three amendments, including the recent one. He originally posted the bylaws in an html format, but wants to change it to a format that is easier to edit.

Newsletter distribution-Ray is investigating along with the ACBL Marketing Department why some people are not getting their District 21 newsletters.

License – The Club could generate income by offering the use of the club to others for bridge related purposes during the Club's idle times. A group of engineers rented it for a reunion/bridge party and left the room in perfect order. Ray drafted a proposed license for prospective users to sign so the terms of use are clear. Ray and Mich have agreed to be on a subcommittee to further investigate the matter and provide recommendations with regards to the proposed license.

#### Unfinished Business:

The NAP Unit Final is November 3, 2018- Ray is to get the Sanction if it hasn't been taken care of.

Fall Sectional- The District has allotted March 16 and 17 of 2019 for our spring sectional. Mischel will take care of making a flyer and poster. West Valley is not available for those March dates and our contact at West Valley is away for the summer. Someone at West Valley is to get back to Ray soon. Easter weekend or Mother's Day weekend are the only open weekends that don't have sectionals already scheduled. It was suggested we could use the Mountain View site for the sectional if necessary. Ray will follow up regarding use of the Mountain View site. Stu will look into the possibility of using a room at Del Mar High School.

Premises- what to do with the chairs. Mischel suggested moving the director's desk 2 feet away forward so both rows of chairs can be kept against the back wall. Some of the chairs are broken or need cleaning. Lynn B and Ray are the chair replacement subcommittee and will check on which need be replaced, cleaned, or repaired. Lynn Yokel doesn't think the chairs are needed and should be moved off site.

Membership Game Lessons- The turnout was four tables higher than usual. We should set up on-line sign-ups again.

#### Committee Reports:

In and Out Report- There are five new members, five reinstated, two transfers in and 1 transfer out.

District news- The Nationals are in Atlanta at the end of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Bossange and Ray Yuenger