

Minutes for the March, 2017 board meeting for Unit 507 of the ACBL on March 7, 2017.

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

Previous Meeting's Minutes Approved with some changes.

Treasurer's Report – Total Assets \$11,461 on February 28, 2017 compared to \$12,718 last month (on January 31, 2017) and \$12,305 last year (on February 29, 2016). The ACBL check has not gotten to Karen twice. Karen has been working with both the local post office and the ACBL to see what is amiss. Karen has requested the ACBL to send a third check by certified mail.

New Business: The date for the free annual Membership game was discussed and the only available July Sundays were July 9, 2017 or July 23, 2017. A motion was made and passed to have the Membership game on July 9, 2017 in the smaller Roosevelt room at the Campbell Community Center.

Like last month, we again discussed when to recognize the Mini-McKenney winners. Again, declining attendance over the years to unit games was cited as reasons to no longer purchase recognition pins, or to put excessive effort in organizing and publicizing the game. Perhaps we can recognize the Mini-McKenney winners on some Thursday night or Monday night club game.

Dates for the 499-er sectional were discussed with two Saturday dates being proposed, August 12, 2017 or August 19, 2017. It was decided that August 19 was too close to our regional, so a motion was made and passed to hold the 499-er sectional on Saturday and Sunday, August 12-13, 2017.

We discussed what the board's policy should be for the "In Memoriam" section of the Silicon Valley web site. Ray put something up last month for Bob Shannon who recently passed, and Mischel wanted to discuss whether we wanted a "In Memoriam" section on our web site, and what the policy for such postings should be. We proposed that

1. Yes, we should have a "In Memoriam" section.
2. It should only be published with the family's permission.
3. It should only be for a specified time (e.g. one month).
4. Postings should only be made at the family's request (as contrasted to assigning a board member with the responsibility to reach out to the family—although that would be ok if somebody did so).

It was decided to defer this discussion to next month. Lynn Bartz will draft a policy.

For information purposes, the Palo Alto bridge club has raised their club game prices to \$12 per player for all but Will's game, which is still \$10 per player.

Premises: The bathrooms are occasionally very cold.

As recommended last month, applications for two Fictitious Business Names (FBN, aka "Doing Business As" or DBA) have been filed, one for "The San Jose Bridge Club" for the unit/owners' partnership, and a second for "The San Jose Bridge Center" for the Owner's Association. The names need to be published for 4 weeks at a cost of \$66 each.

Also, the "Proof of Service" was filed on Friday, March 3, 2017. Mischel had filled out the "Proof of Service" form last month and gave it to Ray, but it was never filed 'till last Friday.

Both tasks were necessary to continue the Small Claims action we have initiated against Sanjay, our previous landlord. The hearing is still scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2017. Ray did e-mail Sanjay regarding this hearing and is planning to attend.

Sectional: The Silicon Valley Spring Sectional is coming up later this month (March 24-26, 2017). Rick discussed

1. Encouraging the club directors to continue to announce the sectional at the club games, to encourage attendance.
2. Also encourage people to bring donations of snacks.
3. There will be no Friday morning or afternoon game related to the sectional. Gabi's Friday morning game will be held as normal.
4. The Friday night game however will be superseded by the first Sectional game. We expect to be able to fit about 24 tables and hope to not get more than that.
5. Calvin is confirmed to be delivering the tables and tournament supplies to West Valley College at 8:30 AM Saturday morning, so any volunteers to help set up then would be appreciated.
6. Providing trophies for the Newcomers (0-20) Pairs game Saturday afternoon. Decent looking, but inexpensive trophies can be purchased for about \$9 each, or cheaper if 30 were purchased at one time. Rick proposed providing trophies to the first and second place finishers, in each of the 3 flights, for a total of 15 trophies (2 places times 3 flights times 2 for each partner). A motion was made and passed to purchase enough trophies for at least 2 years, and provide them to the first place finishers only.
7. We will be returning to selling lunch tickets for Sunday's break, because this time, we are offering chicken Caesar salads in addition to the normal turkey, beef, or veggie sandwiches. The club is committed to purchasing 100 meals from the West Valley College cafeteria staff.
8. The question was raised whether Ray had provided West Valley College the proof of insurance they require. Ray said, "Yes, it was, and the steps to obtain that Proof of Insurance is different from years past." Ray promised to e-mail Rick on the exact steps to accomplish this for the next sectional.

Membership: We have 5 new members, 3 members transferred out, and no members transferred in, for a total of 689 members. We also have one new Life Master.

Ray asked Mary for the list of new members so that he can send out "Welcome" letters to the new members.

Old Business: Last month, a new subcommittee was formed to revamp the partnership agreement between the unit and the Owner's association. Lynn Bartz, Ray, Malcolm, and Stu had a 3-hour meeting, but they need more time than that to discuss specifics. Going forward, the committee plans to talk to the directors, then form what the unit wants in the agreement, then bring it to the board's attention for discussion, then bring it to the Owner's Association for their review.

The next unit board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11.