

## Minutes of ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

March 9, 2021, 5:30 pm

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Bob Dean, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Michael Hughes, Lynn Yokel

The meeting was called to order. The minutes from February were reviewed and approved without change.

The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged. Karen provided a summary. The new Pianola subscription was paid. There were \$36 in free plays.

**Old Business:** Lynn Bartz sent out an Ace of Clubs/mini-McKenney letter congratulating the latest winners. Mischel received it. Ray didn't. Ray will post them on the website.

Mischel reported sectionals were officially canceled through July 2021.

**Committee Reports:** Mischel summarized In-and-Out report. Total membership 617.

Ray reported that the process server was asked to provide a skip-trace on Sanjay in order to serve the petition to compel arbitration.

Judy had a problem unmuting herself. On her behalf, Lynn Yokel said the owners were meeting the following day to discuss reopening. After four minutes Judy was unmuted. Ray suggested Judy talk to Jack Verson. Ray asked if the existing partnership agreement would still be in effect. The question was regarded as premature.

**ACBL Board Report:** Stu said the BoD is having three days of spring NABC Zoom meetings. Tournaments are canceled through July, then reopening. Reno regional might be held. Lynn has been analyzing Sparks-Reno finances for D21. Jackie Zayac, District tournament chair, is opposed to holding it. Lynn Y. wondered if players were going to be polled. Stu pointed out that there is no room commitment in Reno. Mischel favored holding Reno due to space available. Lynn Y. said that as Director in Charge she can hold the line on directing fees. Stu mentioned Spring Nationals are coming to Reno.

Stu asked, are we going to hold a sectional in October? Mischel opposed. Mich pointed out can't commit six months in advance. Stu asked if we can find a place with two months' notice. Ray said current high school is uncertain. Judy said let's wait a month and see.

**District 21 news:** Mich received late notice of D21 townhall meeting and was unable to attend. Ray explained everyone got last minute notice.

Ray summarized emergency D21 Board meeting with ACBL In-House counsel who spoke about fiduciary duties. What was the emergency? Ray explained District needs to

classify workers as either employees or independent contractors. Possible liability to continue ignoring the law. Finance and Compensation Committees are considering who qualifies as what. D21 President has idea that all district work will be done by volunteers. Board passed four motions in 2 hour 45 minute meeting. Ray presented the four motions via PowerPoint. All payments of stipends were suspended. Part of motion was that someone will figure out how to legally pay three people currently due payments.

After Ray explained the first of four motions, the Zoom meeting was interrupted because Mich had scheduled it on an account with a 40-minute limit. Mich had sent two separate Zoom invitations to the Board. Ray said he thought the same invitation had been repeated. During a ten-minute delay, Mich and Ray learned that Mischel and Judy's neighborhood had lost power, so they couldn't return. While waiting for a quorum, Lynn B. and Stu discussed whether stipends could be recharacterized as something other than compensation.

After a ten-minute delay, Karen appeared, constituting a quorum. Judy, Mischel, and Bob did not reappear. Ray and Mich discussed that, as Mich was recording the meeting on Zoom, he could provide the recording to the missing board members.

Ray continued with his presentation of the four motions passed by the D21 Board. \$5,000 emergency budget adopted for "infrastructure needs" pending adoption of real budget. District is working towards budget with Lynn B. as head of finance committee. By another motion, Lynn B. authorized to get administrative access to QuickBooks Online. A third signatory added to D21 bank accounts, now Treasurer, President, and Vice-President, instead of Secretary and Treasurer.

17 minutes after the break, Bob returned to the meeting.

**Unit Game proposal:** Lynn Y. proposed that the Unit hire a director and hold a Swiss Team Unit game. Unit would need to promote the game. Ray pointed out it would be run under club's sanction, but proceeds to Unit. Same inflated masterpoints as every other club game. Bob asked how many unit members play online. Ray wanted to hear a description of online Swiss teams. Scoring on BBO shows how teammates do and your standing, but no meeting up with teammates unless you set up a post-game Zoom session. Sign up as partnership, then select teammates. Better if you have team already set up. Next round starts when everyone is done. Stu proposed to defer discussion till next month in light of missing board members.

No new business. The President declared the meeting adjourned until April 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

--Ray Yuenger