

Minutes for the October 6, 2015 board meeting for unit 507 of the ACBL

Attending: Ray Yuenger, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Linda Nemmer, Rick Jasper, Jeff Hack, Stu Goodgold, Judy Fisher, Mich Ravera

Previous Board Meeting Minutes - Accepted as amended
Secretary's Report – Accepted as amended

Treasurer's Report – The rent for the 2016 spring and fall sectionals are the same as this year. We still have the \$800 due from the landlord for plumbing expenses.

District & National News – There will be a run-off election between Stu Goodgold and Bill Corliss for the district representative position. There's an ongoing investigation regarding Bruce Blakely to determine whether he can run for and hold an ACBL office. The recall motion for Roger Smith as district director needs 12 units in favor. Currently there are 10 in favor, and 2 against.

There is a lot of hubbub lately regarding different national teams caught or accused of cheating. Some have dropped out of the world championships.

The District 21 web site has information regarding the district's charity donation under the name Izzy.

Membership – 10 new members, 2 transferred in. 677 total members.

There was a brief discussion on whether unit membership chair people are expected to notify the ACBL when a unit member passes away.

Facilities and Capital Improvements – We need new carpeting in the lobby. The existing carpet has a lot of coffee stains.

There was a lot of grumbling about the bridge center spots in our parking lot getting moved to smaller and more remote spots in the lot. Nothing came from it, though.

Our lease renewal is in March, 2016. We have notified the landlord by USPS mail, e-mail, and by voice message, but have not received any acknowledgment of those notices. We will need to perhaps send registered mail if we don't hear back before March.

The months-long, ongoing dispute of the \$800 plumber's charge for repairing the sink and coffee pot, is still unresolved and on our books. Stu has given Ray the small claims court paperwork. Ray will fill them out and file them.

Unit game – The month’s unit game will be a team game directed by Lynn (not Doug).

There was a motion, seconded and passed, to hold a Triathlon for the November unit games. We will have pair games on Tuesday, November and Wednesday, November 5, and a team game on Monday, November 9. There will be 3 strats (A/B/C). The combined winners of each strat, defined as the sum of each game percentage, will win their choice of either a bottle of wine or a free play at a club game.

Linda talked to Jim Harris of the Palo Alto unit regarding a "Battle of the Bay" pairs game. We can get Will Watson to direct. An idea for more strats was proposed, e.g. 0-50, 50-100, 100-300, et cetera. The conclusion was this will be sometime in 2016 at the soonest. Linda will continue to pursue with the new, 2016 Palo Alto unit committee.

Will Watson will make the boards for the Spring (in April 2016) sectional unless Doug responds otherwise. The local club directors need to talk up this sectional and distribute flyers.

There was a motion, seconded and approved, to hold the Holiday party in the smaller Roosevelt room at the Campbell Community Center on November 22, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The question of whether to have non-members pay for food was answered, “No”. The unit historically provides about \$700 for turkey and ham.

Again, clarification was needed for the unit’s bulletin board guidelines regarding the posting of other unit’s sectional flyers. In previous board meetings, a motion was made, seconded, and approved that from now on, other units' flyers will be moved off the bulletin board and placed on the side of the cabinet next to the windows. This time, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to have a sign on the main bulletin board saying something like “See over there (with an arrow perhaps) for upcoming sectionals.”

New Business – None

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2015.