

ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

September 8, 2020, 5:30 pm

Minutes

In Attendance: Stu Goodgold, Lynn Bartz, Bob Dean, Judy Fisher, Doug Hong, Mike Hughes, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Mich Ravera (arrived late) Lynn Yokel, Ray Yuenger, Anne Bossange

The meeting was called to order. The minutes from August were reviewed and, with one modification, were approved with unanimous consent. The Treasurer's report, which contained no changes, was received and acknowledged.

Old Business:

The Membership Meeting is scheduled to be held during the next board meeting. There will be a Membership Club Game right after the meeting at 7:00 with a \$6.00 charge. Ray will create the invitation about the membership meeting and Stu will send it to the club members and include information about the club game that follows the meeting.

Stu advised the District Board that our club voted to halt charitable donations both at the District and ACBL levels. Ray has a Practices Policy Committee that will discuss our vote and make recommendations.

Committee reports:

In and Out Report- 1 new member in and 1 transferred out. We now have 650 members.

Owner's Association Report-

Process serving - Ray gave the process server instructions to serve our former landlord on 8/13/20. The server tried to serve in his office but he wasn't there. They will try next in Santa Cruz at his home. They may charge for two attempts.

Lynn Y. will send information she received about New York classes to Stu. She'll be having lessons on zoom with hand outs. Mike raised a concern that some members may not know that our directors get paid when their members play in a Support Your Club Game. When Stu sends out the information about the Membership Meeting and game he'll include information about how the SYC games support our directors. We've combined our Friday night game with the Santa Cruz Club. There are no plans at this time to join with any other clubs.

District/ACBL reports-

District Board meeting- The Monterey regional is cancelled. The District approved \$6,000 in charitable donations to four food banks. They voted to reduce the publication of *Diamond in the Ruff* from monthly to quarterly beginning this month. However, there will be back to back DIRs in December and January so the quarterly DIRs begin the first month of the year in order to coordinate with the calendar year and the District Board Meetings. This will save money, and since there are no sectional or regional tournaments, there is less to report. Ray will send an email in early October advising of this change. Columns will be written as needed and posted on the website to advise club members of any pertinent information.

The district has been leasing a van that Doug uses to deliver supplies for sectionals and regionals. Rather than terminating the lease, since there are no sectionals or regionals, the board decided to keep the van. At the end of the lease they can buy it for \$16,000. The blue book value is \$25,000. They will also be moving supplies to a less expensive storage facility. The move was accomplished last month.

The tournament manager, Pam Hughes, has been receiving a stipend of \$6500.00 for organizing regional tournaments as an independent contractor. She now has to negotiate a release from these contracts without incurring huge liabilities. Pam said she'd be willing to take 60% of her normal stipend. The board voted to offer her 50%.

New Business:

Good will nominations are due in November.

Sectional sanctions- At the District Board meeting it was discussed that all units should secure sanctions for sectionals for the next two years. Mischel agreed to apply for our sanctions. Stu will send her the dates.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Bossange and Stu Goodgold

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