

Minutes of Regular Zoom Meeting of ACBL Unit 507 Board

August 12, 2025 5:30 PM

In **attendance** at the outset of the virtual meeting were: President Mich Ravera, Vice-President Stu Goodgold, Secretary Ray Yuenger, Treasurer Karen O'Connell, and board members Joanne Cornbleet, Linda Rocha, Milind Girkar, Judy Fisher, Mischel Postas, Betsy Wagner, and guest Lynn Yokel.

The **minutes** of the July meeting that had been circulated were deemed approved with one correction regarding the new sectional event for beginners.

The **treasurer's reports** were accepted with thanks. There was a separate earlier report about the costs of the unit game.

Regarding **nominations** for the new position of **area directors of District 21**, Mich had distributed descriptions by Ray and Stu of how the D21 Board has been reorganized to create 5 areas of Units which will each elect three area directors. Mich proposed nominating our three current representatives, Stu Goodgold, D21 Vice-President, Lynn Bartz, D21 Treasurer, and Ray Yuenger, D21 Secretary.

Stu explained that he has attempted to contact the four other Units in our South area and there is only one other nomination so far of Anthony Toto from Fresno. He wants to check with Gilroy-Morgan Hill and Santa Cruz to learn their plans. Stu suggested our Unit nominate two if there are no other nominations. With three candidates for three positions, there will be no need to have an election. There is a D21 rule prohibiting all area directors coming from the same Unit. Further, even if none of our representatives is elected as an area director, as officers of the D21 Board they will become directors-at-large of D21 under the D21 Bylaws.

Ray, who is on the Election Committee, added that James Craig was nominated by U524. Ray explained that D21 has no requirements for how Units decide to nominate candidates. It has been left up to each Unit. Ray said that Lynn Bartz had told him she didn't want to run for area director and campaign and he felt the same way. Stu said he felt the same way and was hoping to have three area directors nominated by the other Units in our area.

Mischel asked about Anne Wilson. It was pointed out that if she was elected to the D21 Board, she would be supervising herself as Tournament Planning Co-Chair. The consensus was to make no nominations until we see who else is nominated by other Units.

Regarding upcoming **sectionals**, Ray sent in the fall 2025 flyer to the ACBL once he realized he had the latest version. D21 has approved the spring (March) and fall (November) 2026 sectional dates that we requested.

Regarding the upcoming **holiday party**, Mischel reported that the Community Center has increased the cost of rent for the Roosevelt Room from \$535 to \$1,035. Mischel has been unable to speak with anyone to question the charge. Mischel pointed out they didn't take down the blocking posts for our last event to facilitate delivery of tables, supplies, and catering. We do expect our \$500 deposit back for the last event. Ray volunteered to speak to the church administration about its availability on November 22.

Mischel said the new young personnel at the Community Center don't seem to care for our history of renting there. The consensus was to cancel the Community Center contract if the church gym is available.

Stu says the air-conditioning at the church can't cost that much. Ray said that in a 20-minute conversation, the church administration told him that there was never a plan to install heating and air-conditioning, but one church board member went ahead and acquired the unit. The church sells power back to PGE and has one power monitor for the entire campus, so it can't calculate the cost of running the air-conditioning. Mischel said she'd join Ray the next day in speaking to the church about available dates.

Joanne presented the **In and Out Report**. She had already circulated a written report. Joanne will be working with the Wednesday directors on holding special games. She also summarized our progress in the 5-5-5 program. We are not making anything for member retention but we are in other areas.

Milind reported there are no **new mentees**. Stu said we should publicize the program. Joanne is working on an email designed for new members.

Joanne said **the website** should be updated to list the virtual Ace of Clubs winners.

Regarding the **annual membership meeting and game**, we had a membership quorum. Mich noted that we are getting closer to the right amount of food. Mischel said that the bbq place provides a lot of food. Stu thought the chicken was too bony. We ran out of plates. Stu pointed out that the cost was \$2,200, which we can't afford to spend every year.

Returning to Joanne's three **community building proposals** from the last meeting, two will be implemented by the directors of the Wednesday game. The third proposal, for a game with a brunch, would be easy to do, but it will be up to whoever organizes a unit game. Mich would like to hold a unit team game.

Lynn Yokel said that they don't like to run unit games on Wednesdays because they have to charge \$2.40 per table more. Mich suggested the unit could defray that cost. Mischel asked the board to pick up the tab for the **extra sanctions for five unit games** allocated to the Wednesday game in 2025. In the absence of objection, the motion passed.

Without any floor business, the meeting was adjourned, with the next meeting scheduled for September 9, 2025.

Submitted by

--Ray Yuenger