

Minutes of ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

April 13, 2021, 5:30 pm

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

March minutes corrected by Ray to reflect true attendance. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report received and acknowledged.

Upcoming elections. Michael Hughes is moving out of the area. Joanne Cornbleet a potential candidate for unit board. Ray says elapsing terms are Mich, Ray, Mischel, Karen, Bob, and Anne. Bob and Anne absent, others willing to continue. Ray says bylaws provide for board between 9 and 12 members.

Continuing business.

Proposal for Unit holding Swiss team unit game. Lynn Bartz enjoyed playing in virtual club game Swiss team event. Lynn Yokel explained intent is to include unit members, but could have some guests from outside unit. Club game started with eight teams, some dropped out. Need not have 3/4ths of team from unit. Guest policy applies to entire club, not single game. Mischel didn't like lack of comparison with teammates. Lynn B. said her team communicated on Zoom after playing to review hands. Could set up breakout rooms for teams. No motion to hold such an event. Plan would be that unit hires a director. Lynn Y says need unit to promote it. Item continued.

Ace of Clubs/mini-McKenney notification. Some people didn't receive it. Brenna didn't receive it. She contacted James Ward. Lynn B is too busy with D21 stuff to see who is supposedly getting Pianola email. Ray explained that Pianola discontinued an automatic undelivered email report list. Ray said he would look at database to see why emails undeliverable. Lynn B suggests asking James. Ray says he will and repeats promise to post leaders on website.

In and Out Report. Ray reports from phone call that Judy lost sound from meeting. Mischel reports that total membership is now 614. Lynn B reports that District membership is declining less than other districts. Stu confirms it. Judy rejoins.

Association-Partnership Report. Judy says premature to discuss continuing existence of Unit/owners' association partnership. Stu points out that unit has promised to pay for first month's rent. Ray says no pending rental. Judy points out that full club may not resume. Carole Dietz has dropped out as director due to health issues.

Ray reported that, regarding **petition to compel arbitration** with former landlord, after skip-trace, nominal residence was found vacant. Process servers have been unable to

locate him. Ray says the landlord was Taj Trust with Sanjay as trustee. Judy says Ray has done all he can to help club owners. Mich proposes revisiting issue in six months. Ray explains nonprosecution may lead to dismissal three years after filing.

Ray explains results of owners' association questionnaire submitted by Jack. Survey results indicated may be able to run three 12-table day games and one 7-table evening game. We used to average about 74 tables a week.

District Director Report. District sent out update email with click-throughs to four reports, including Stu's report and Ray's report on 99er online game. Lynn B explains district update was a test of Constant Contact, because it is being considered as a replacement for Pianola. It provides information on numbers of click-throughs and other information not available in Pianola.

Stu reported that Board of Governors has agreed to downsizing proposal that passed second reading by Board of Directors. Will reduce BoG members per district from five to three. Stu explained what becomes of first and second alternates. Ray explained that video of BoG meeting is being edited to remove member's member.

Santa Clara regional canceled. Reno remains under discussion, according to Lynn B.

Sectional for October. Lynn Y points out we have no sectional sanction. Stu suggests we should get sanctions for next year. Sense of Board is that too soon to plan for October sectional. Lynn Y suggests we should explore it. Discussion of weekends in October. Board authorizes Mischel to apply for sanctions. Ray says tentatively spring sectional 8-10 vs. Diablo Valley. 22-24 Marin and Reno already set. Modesto assigned to March 30 through April 3. Stu says work out Modesto conflict with sectional coordinator.

Ray mentions upcoming Board meeting. Lynn B say no agenda yet, issues, including financial policies and procedures and budget all in flux. Board is beset by politics.

Mich asks Lynn B to ask for Board's advice once issues are finalized. Lynn agrees. Lynn B says a lot of concrete items are coming up. Tax return is on agenda.

New business. Wendy Dewell's daughter Beth and Bill Langlois recently asked how unit or owners could use Wendy Dewell memorial funding. Bill is looking through her bridge library. Judy says we don't have room at club for libraries. Stu suggests ACBL has several 501(c)(3) arms allowing tax deductible organizations, not including U507. Lynn B suggests donations to District 21 or SiVY. Lynn Y suggests the club.

Adjourned with new meeting on May 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

--Ray Yuenger