

## Minutes of ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

August 10, 2021, 5:30 pm

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Ray Yuenger, Bob Dean, Doug Hong, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas; (guests) Norman Marks, Jack Verson, Lynn Yokel.

Norman was invited to become a Board member and was appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy by unanimous consent.

The **minutes** of the July meeting were approved without modification.

The **Treasurer's report** was received. There was discussion about the Unit paying part of the storage fees beginning in July and the Directors paying part of Pianola.

Mischel has secured a church as location for the **fall sectional**. Ray will contact the ACBL insurance broker. Lynn Bartz has no proposed schedule to include in the flyer. Lynn Yokel, who was driving, said it could be worked out by email. Mischel was concerned about charging \$14 without offering snacks. Lynn Y. said some snacks might be safe. Lynn Y. proposed holding a Swiss instead of A/X and B/C/D round robin. Or we could do bracketed Swiss across the field. Or we could advertise A/X, B/C/D and then switch depending on the turnout.

Stu explained the ACBL's policy on sectionals. All were canceled for August. The ACBL will try to decide a month in advance.

Norman suggested that the flyer should include a proviso that the sectional will comply with all local health guidelines. Mischel said we may have to provide bottled water to comply with regulations. Stu has the big ice cooler if needed.

The unit also has a sanction for the **spring sectional**.

Ray was asked to give a report from the **reopening committee**. He said he wasn't aware he was on such a committee. He said Lynn Y. has more information on the topic. Lynn reported a possible site in Cambrian Plaza, which is changing management prior to demolition in two or three years. The directors aren't interested in opening in the next month.

Norman proposed **surveying** the members to see if they will play with masks or vaccinations. Mich pointed out that Jack conducted a survey three months ago. Jack agreed his survey results are outdated. Jack personally would not attend if a mask was required. Jack said 80% in prior survey required proof of vaccination. Stu said the ACBL is considering getting a private company to establish proof of vaccination. Mischel said the Henderson club has attendance of four masked tables.

Jack agreed to conduct another survey as proposed by Norman and wanted another email list. Ray sent Jack the Pianola list during the meeting. The results will be reported at the next meeting.

According to the **membership report**, the new membership total is 584. People are not renewing memberships.

Ray reported that **District 21** has ordered name tags for its four officers. There are ongoing meetings regarding retaining a governance attorney and what advice was provided to the resigned president. The next Board meeting has not been scheduled.

Stu reported that the **ACBL** Board of Directors had a three-day meeting in July. They voted not to reimburse Directors for attending the Board of Governors meetings. The Strategy Committee is discussing changing and enforcing the guest policy for playing in VACBs. Also concurrent F2F and online games by the same club. Management is opposed to the guest policy, with some restrictions on superclubs. Stu explained what the guest policy is, limiting virtual games primarily to members of the “home” club. There was also discussion of the ACBL running limited masterpoint games in the evenings. Different views were offered by Board members about maintaining or eliminating the guest policy. Lynn Y noted that more people online are seeking bigger games than playing in small local game. Stu thanked us for our comments.

There was discussion about how much the masterpoint multiplier for online club games motivates players.

Stu said there have been some big changes to the **Code of Disciplinary Regulations**.

**New business.** A NAP qualifier is being held in the club this evening.

Norman proposed that Mich and other board members communicate with our members on a monthly basis. Mich agreed. Ray suggested reviving the DiRekTor newsletter. Others were not interested in reviving the newsletter. Ray explained that District 21 has moved to quarterly publications of its newsletter, and then tried a new-style newsletter. Lynn Y will try to set out monthly communications via Pianola if Norman reminds her. The publication date will be August 29. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was scheduled for September 14.

Submitted,

Ray Yuenger

Acting Secretary