

Minutes of ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

May 11, 2021, 5:30 pm

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Ray Yuenger, Bob Dean, Doug Hong, Lynn Yokel (guest), Michael Hughes (late)

Mich announced that Mischel and Karen were not attending. Anne's whereabouts are unknown. Ray is again serving as temporary secretary.

The meeting was called to order.

Stu noted that he had not received the **April minutes**. Ray and Mich each thought the other was distributing them. Ray shared the minutes on the screen. They were approved by unanimous consent.

Ray asked to correct the date on the March minutes and the date was corrected by unanimous consent.

Financial report was distributed. Ray questioned how unit is paying for free plays. Judy explained they were from before club closed last March.

Elections. Bob indicated he is willing to continue on the Board. Anne's interest is yet unknown. Mich, Ray, Mischel, Karen, already announced interest in continuing. A question was raised about replacing Mike Hughes if he moves away. Ray pointed out that the Board, not the President, fills a vacancy on the Board.

Renewed mention of holding **Swiss online Unit game**. No motion made.

Ray finally posted the Ace of Clubs and mini-McKenney winners on **the website**.

Sectional. Mischel has the fall sanction for the third weekend in October. Ray will speak with school administration. Stu mentioned there are health restrictions limiting sectionals, 11 foot table centers, proof of vaccine, masks. This will limit sectional setup. 55% capacity if usual setup expanded. Ray reported that according to Facilitron website, prices are the same, the dates are not available yet, and covid protocols are currently in place.

Membership report. Membership has dropped to 598. The Chen family is relocating. Stu pointed out that under 600 means the unit has one less vote on the District Board.

Mich noted the passing of Mindy Foos with sadness. Ray mentioned there were options to light a candle or plant a tree on the obituary notice. Mischel, as membership chair, should send ACBL obituary. Ray emailed her a reminder.

Owner association report. Does unit have recommendations to owners regarding owners? Lynn Y reported Jack Verson's efforts in finding site for club reopening and taking the risk of being the tenant and licensing game slots to directors.

District report. Ray reported on the special District Board meeting on May 1. Ray spoke at the meeting about the fiduciary duties of directors. The President did a presentation on grass roots funds events and how clubs and units can raise money for stipends for District GNT winners. For more money players can earn more masterpoints. The ACBL ordinarily keeps 20% of funds from a District. Lynn B clarified that the ACBL formula is based on level of participation. D21 is third lowest across ACBL. A district can get more money back for higher participation. President Tracey said this program is supposed to be self-sustaining. Stu questioned that assertion. Lynn said \$8,800 is what District gives to players for stipends. Get \$2,500 back from ACBL. With enough participation a District can get back more than 100% of what it puts in.

The District Board was sent 72 pages of documents on five days' notice before the special meeting. The Board approved a 22-page Financial Policies and Procedures document drafted by Lynn. And the Board approved the 2020 financial report drafted by Lynn. Lynn also presented the 2021 quarterly report. Tom Pajak presented the District's 2020 tax return, which the board approved for the first time in Ray's memory. Tom is assuming the duty of completing 990Ns on behalf of units, a job Stu used to do.

A proposal to open a Vanguard brokerage account for District investing was tabled till next meeting. Lynn said the Compensation and Finance Committees were holding open houses for Board members that week to ask detailed questions that would otherwise be asked at the Board meeting about the Vanguard proposal and the proposed budget. Stu, our District Director, pointed out he didn't receive an invitation to this evening's meeting.

Lynn noted that the D21 Treasurer resigned the night before the May 1 meeting.

Ray continued saying that the Board went into executive session and decided to retain a governance attorney (whom Ray had located) for up to 15 hours at \$400 an hour. Lynn reported that the attorney's references had checked out, but the District could not afford to pay the retainer until a CD matured at the end of month.

Compensation committee report was postponed until the next meeting. Ray said Lynn has been working tremendously hard as chair of the Finance Committee.

Ray pointed out that the next District Board meeting was scheduled for June 5, before the Unit Board will meet again.

Lynn mentioned that Pam Hughes, the tournament manager, is relocating, but will remain into 2022. A tournament committee has been meeting with her to learn how she does her job. An employment contract has been offered to her.

The Santa Clara regional was canceled. The Reno regional is in October. Stu mentioned the fall national in Austin Texas is going forward. Lynn Y says the ACBL is estimating 70% turnout, but no one knows. Lynn B pointed out the District has no hotel commitment to Reno. With projected lower turnout, the District may lose money even if table fees increased from \$12 to \$15. Lynn Y suggests Reno could be the trial balloon for the Monterey regional. Holding Reno is on the agenda for the District Board meeting in June.

Lynn B said notice of the regular meeting will go out 14 days in advance.

No new business proposals. Mich reported that the Board's suggestions were relayed to Wendy Dewell's daughter. Stu welcomed Doug back to board. Doug said he hopes to rehabilitate in two to four months.

The meeting was adjourned until June 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Yuenger