

## Minutes of ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

November 9, 2021, 5:30 pm

In attendance: Mich Ravera, Ray Yuenger, Stu Goodgold, Mischel Postas, Karen O'Connell, Judy Fisher, Norman Marks, Lynn Bartz, Doug Hong

Ray volunteered to take minutes.

The **minutes** of the October meeting were approved with one correction to clarify that the upcoming District newsletter is the Diamond in the Ruff.

Anne Bossange and Bob Dean resigned as Board members. Anne has another commitment. Bob wants to help the unit in other ways. Ray volunteered to serve as **Secretary** and the Board appointed Ray to be Secretary.

The **financial reports** were received and explained. The ACBL honored \$40 of Bridge Bucks. The Board agreed that Ray would provide a proposed overview of the finances of our recent sectional in response to an inquiry by Art Mirin on behalf of the Livermore unit. The overview was modified after discussion.

There was discussion about the Unit Bylaws providing for from nine to 12 Board members. Some candidates to fill the **vacancies** were discussed.

Board members indicated availability for a **special meeting** in a week. Norman invited members to review the written proposals in advance.

There was general agreement that our **recent sectional** was about as successful as it could have been under the circumstances. The cleaning deposit was returned through Mischel.

Norman mentioned more people sent in proofs of vaccinations than attended. Mich thanked Norman and Ray for their efforts. Stu mentioned we should be planning our next sectional and that the parking was not an issue this last time.

Items were proposed for the President's **monthly commique**.

Ray pointed out that the people who provided proofs of vaccinations were not asked to consent to the distribution of this information to District 21 for other events.

Mischel recited the results of the monthly **In and Out report**. Total membership is now 573. There was some discussion of new restrictions by the ACBL on switching units.

Stu reported that the ACBL Board of Directors has recently changed the **Visitors' Policy** for online clubs. A partner of a club member can play without being a visitor. Tracking required a modification of BBO software.

Ray reported that the District has scheduled a **special District Board meeting** for November 18. One topic will be a budget. Several bylaws changes are proposed, including having all meetings online and creating a new Executive Committee that will be empowered to act for the Board in between Board meetings. The Committee will be the four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and a new Executive Committee officer.

The bridge rate is still available for the Monterey regional.

There was no new business.

As chair of the **Reopening Committee**, Ray had sent out two documents for Board review. One listed seven pre-conditions before the Unit would become the club manager, with the objectives of both preserving the Unit's accounts and allowing for face-to-face bridge. The other document is a draft license agreement between the Unit and directors based on the Palo Alto agreement but quite modified. Ray asked the Board to review the documents in advance of next week's meeting. Norman provided an overview of the license agreement. The unit will be overseeing the directors.

There is a question whether money in the account of the directors' association will be available to finance the new club. It remains to be determined.

There was discussion of the condition requiring a minimum attendance at the Palo Alto club.

The proposed agreement neither requires nor prohibits teaching at the club.

The meeting was **adjourned**.

--Ray Yuenger, Secretary

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## Minutes of ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Special Meeting

November 16, 2021, 5:30 pm

In attendance: Mich Ravera, Ray Yuenger, Stu Goodgold, Karen O'Connell, Judy Fisher, Norman Marks, Doug Hong (guest Lynn Yokel).

As Chair of the Reopening Committee (Norman, Lynn Yokel, and Ray), Ray reviewed two documents prepared by the committee. One document contained eight pre-conditions for the unit becoming the club manager and tenant of a site for reopening the San Jose Bridge Center. Ray shared the document. The other document is a draft license agreement between the unit and directors.

Mich had prepared written comments. Committee members explained the rationales behind different pre-conditions. During a discussion lasting over an hour, two additional conditions were added and others were modified. As modified, the Board approved the documents.

--Ray Yuenger, Secretary