

## ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

October 12, 2021, 5:30 pm

### Minutes

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Anne Bossange, Bob Dean, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Doug Hong, Norman Marks, Karen O'Connell, Ray Yuenger, guest Lynn Yokel

The minutes from September were reviewed and after the addition of two attendees and the removal of one sentence they were approved. The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged.

#### Consent Items for October and Continuing Business

Mich read Mischel's email which said Ray will rent a van, pick up supplies at Doug's, deliver them on Saturday morning at 9:30 and pick them up on Sunday at 6:00 or 6:30, or as Lynn Y requests. Kathy Jasper will bring gallon water bottles, paper cups and individually wrapped candy. Mischel will have more water on hand for Sunday. Kathy Jasper will help her on Sunday. Lynn Y suggested that 9:30 is too late to deliver the tables and Ray agreed to deliver them by 9:00. Lynn Y wants the tables to be set up by 9:30 and suggested that an email be sent asking for volunteers to help with the set up. Lynn Bartz and Judy offered to help Norman with registration. Stu brought up the issue of the ACBL signs. Karen said that Mischel thinks they may be in storage. Ray has a key to the storage unit and has been planning to visit. Stu suggested that we have volunteers in the parking lot to help direct the players. Lynn Y suggested we have individually wrapped Madeleines and/or brownies in addition to the candy. Anne offered to bring some snacks and let Mischel know. The price for renting the room at the church has doubled and is now \$200.00 a day. Norman reported that 45 people have sent their proof of vaccinations.

#### Items for Communique:

Membership meeting- Mich suggested we hold the annual meeting on Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and there were no objections.

Stu reported there would be a decision about the Austin NABC on Friday.

#### Committee reports:

Reopening Committee- Ray reported they held a face-to-face meeting on Sunday and are trying to identify the preconditions that need to be met if we are to open and if the board agrees to them. The committee is in agreement on 85-90 percent of the preconditions. What needs more work is what they call in Palo Alto a license agreement which is the manual for how the club operates. The committee members are trying to adjust the Palo Alto license to fit our needs. There is some uncertainty as to whether a commercial landlord will consider the Unit to be a viable tenant. If not, Jack Verson proposed creating an entity that may work. The committee is working on the premise that the Unit will be a viable tenant. Norman reported that previous concerns with regards to the Unit's tax-exempt status are no longer a concern. They're looking at potentially opening in

January but want to begin looking for a property to lease earlier. Judy reported that the San Jose Bridge Association has a small balance. Ray said that we may need a special board meeting to focus on reopening issues. Mich has a volunteer, Stacy Chen, to look at the lease for us if needed.

In/Out Report- There were three new members, one reinstated, and three transferred out. The total is 574.

District/ACBL reports-

Ray reported that there was a board meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> and as anticipated one of the topics was the district NAP qualifiers and the corresponding Unit qualifiers. There were two motions on the topic. Half or less than half of the Units were holding Unit Qualifiers which would leave some players disenfranchised or harder to qualify. One vote was to bypass the Unit Qualifiers saying they can be held but are not qualifying games anymore.

The second issue discussed was when and where the District Qualifier would be held.

Eventually a majority of the board decided to hold them online. The latest plan is for there to be two weekends in November for NAP qualifying online: Flight A will be November 13 and 14 a two-day event, Flight B will be on November 20 a two-session event, and Flight C on November 21 a two-session event.

The schedule for Monterey Regional was discussed with events to be held at 10 and 3 beginning January 3, 2022, with few or no games in the evening since expectations are for a reduced turnout. A flier was to have been posted on the district website and the ACBL website. The District Newsletter will be out next week and a new version of the Diamond in the Ruff will be out soon.

We have a new goodwill chair, and the committee is in flux. We will be soliciting nominees later. The Youth bridge program was expanded by the board. They used to finance programs going to youth nationals during the summer. They can now attend local regionals, no longer limited to summer nationals, and the youth organizations in the district can apply for grants directly.

Stu reported that the policy that visitors or guests can make up only 15% of online play at virtual clubs has not been enforced and some large clubs have been violating this policy. So, on October 1<sup>st</sup> the policy was enforced resulting in a large fallout. The board is considering a modification of the visitor's policy. Mich mentioned that the lack of enforcement had ruined other online clubs.

There was a discussion as to whether the Austin NABC will be impacted by the restrictions promulgated by the Governor of Texas.

New Business:

Norm suggested that we have a communications director and suggested Lynn Bartz for the position. Lynn accepted on the condition that her communications get one level of approval before they're distributed. Mich asked for consent, and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Bossange and Mich Ravera