

ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

September 14, 2021, 5:30 pm

Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at about 5:40. The minutes from August were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged.

Old Business:

Is the Sectional a Go or No Go?

Stu reported that the ACBL reviewed requests for 21 sectionals for October. Nine were not approved, eight are near being approved and four were approved. Our Sectional was approved.

Lynn Y reported that the Sacramental Tournament was a success in general. There were 10 tables on Friday for Swiss, 21 tables on Saturday morning, 13 ½ on Saturday afternoon. Sunday 14 tables in the morning and 10 ½ Sunday afternoon. They made \$1500 -\$2000, there were no complaints and players said they had a good time. Masks were required the whole time. They provided individually wrapped snacks and served coffee and tea. Having people carry their bidding boxes from table to table did not work out well. Their flyer requested that the players provide proof of vaccine in advance of the game. There was no preregistration. The goal is to be entirely cashless. The expenses for our Sectional will be about \$1,000.00. There was a discussion about whether we would require masks if the county protocol changed. Lynn Y suggested that the flyer say that we will follow current county protocols.

Norman moved that we hold the sectional as scheduled. Anne provided a second. Mich called for discussion.

Doug said that he has all the tables, bidding boxes, BridgeMates, the dealing machine, and the boards that we need, and his tables are smaller than those that we have in storage, but he cannot transport them. These would not be rented from the District. Doug said that the only charge by him would be if he had to hire someone to move the tables. There was more discussion about transportation issues and Lynn Y said we could get tables at not a great cost. The church has chairs.

Mich clarified that "as scheduled" in the previous motion meant on October 23 and 24 the motion. The motion as clarified carried with one person dissenting.

There was a discussion about which events to hold. Lynn Y. suggested that we offer a two-session open pairs game, two single-session side pairs games and, two single-session 499er pairs games on Saturday and ABC Swiss on Sunday. Stu moved that we adopt the event schedule that Lynn Y

recommended. Norman provided the second. The motion passed unanimously. Lynn Y and the tournament committee will come up with the stratifications. Ray moved that we hold the Saturday games at 10:30 and 3:30 and the Sunday games at 10:30 and TBA. Bob provided the second. It passed unanimously.

Norman volunteered to be our COVID protocol monitor.

#### Unit NAP Qualifier-

Ray stated that he thinks the District NAP chair will make a proposal this Saturday that the district allow people to play at the district qualifier online without having qualified in their units. This will allow the units that have events scheduled to hold them if they want but allows the players, if uncomfortable playing face to face, to show up for an online District Qualifier. Any units that haven't had their qualifier yet may want to reconsider and let their people play in the District Qualifier online. If this passes on Saturday, they will apply for a district qualifier online.

Stu thinks that there would be an argument against this proposal since it's easier to cheat online.

Stu proposed that we hold our NAP qualifier in conjunction with Palo Alto. Bob moved to hold it in conjunction with Palo Alto on November 7. There was no second. Ray moved to hold the U507 NAP qualifier in conjunction with Palo Alto on the date they choose to hold their qualifier. The motion passed with unanimous approval without being seconded.

#### Committee reports:

In/Out Report- The numbers were provided to the board members prior to the meeting.

Reopening Committee - Jack Verson proposed a separate meeting for the topic. Norman suggested that we fully form the reopening committee. Mich previously appointed Ray as the Reopening committee Chair.

#### District/ACBL reports:

If people want to lobby for face-to-face district NAP finals now is the time to let Ray know. Mich suggested it's easier to monitor face to face for compliance with rules of the game. Stu said the money awarded to the winners is only to cover travel expenses. If there are no travel expenses, then no stipend. Lynn Bartz had to leave at 6:45 pm to pick up her father at the hospital.

Stu had nothing pressing to report.

In advance of the meeting, Norman submitted an email motion as follows:

"Resolved: The Board, by the hand of its President and/or designee, will communicate on at least a monthly basis with its members. Content will include news and other information of relevance and interest such as information about upcoming games, the death of members, and more. A key section for the

next period will be progress and plans on reopening and any requests for assistance from the members."

Ray seconded the motion. There was no vote. Mich agreed to provide such information to our members as stated above.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM. The next meeting is scheduled till October 12.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Bossange, Ray Yuenger and Mich Ravera