

Minutes ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting
April 12, 2022 5:30 PM

In **attendance**: Mich Ravera, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Karen O'Connell, Judy Fisher, Doug Hong, Lynn Bartz, Stu Goodgold, Norman Marks, and guests Michael Fleisher, Bruce Luttrell, Betsy Wagner, David Holbrook, and Rick Jasper.

The **minutes** of the last meeting were approved with one revision proposed by Stu.

The **financial report** was received and summarized by Karen.

Michael Fleisher and Bruce Luttrell agreed to fill **vacant Board positions** and were appointed by the Board. Bruce was appointed by the President to serve as Sectional Coordinator.

Lynn Bartz reported that the **new website** is close to being launched. The website committee needs to discuss what to include. Mischel questioned what the site should be labeled. Photos of the new Board members will be helpful.

Mischel will talk with Bruce about a location and time for the **fall sectional**. Events will be discussed later.

Mich solicited items for his next **Presidential communique**.

The Board ratified an email vote to contribute \$200 towards the **naming rights** of the event at the Reno Nationals in honor of Mindy Foos.

Judy reported that the **San Jose Bridge Center Association** of club owners voted to dissolve at a recent meeting. At that meeting, the Association decided to sell its share of the property in the storage unit and devote the proceeds to the reopening of a new face-to-face bridge club.

The Board voted to sell its share of the property in the storage unit and devote the proceeds to the reopening of a new face-to-face club. There was a discussion of what property is in the storage unit. Norman has valued an inventory (at replacement cost) of what is in the unit. The current storage cost is \$275 monthly. The Association will continue to pay its share of storage fees until the items in storage are either sold or moved.

Ray agreed to head a **committee** to sell the property that is no longer needed. The Board approved of such a committee and delegated the authority to the committee to sell items. Mischel and Michael agreed to serve on the committee.

Ray said that he and Lynn Yokel visited a church site that seemed desirable as a site for a **pop-up bridge club**. The church requires an application to use its location. The plan is to start small with one game and see how it goes. The Unit would not need to be involved in renting the space. Ray explained that this plan isn't subject to the ten preconditions approved by the Board for reopening a dedicated bridge facility.

There was discussion of Morgan Hill's monthly Unit game.

Doug pointed out that the Association is earning fees from some online games. Ray explained that any ongoing proceeds of the Association will be devoted to reopening a new club. Lynn raised the question of who will be in charge of the proceeds of the sales.

Norman proposed that the Unit Treasurer be able to review the Directors' account. Lynn suggested a new account with Lynn Yokel and a Unit Board member as signers. There was discussion of using the proceeds for unit games as well as reopening a club.

There are 544 Unit members in the latest In and Out report.

Stu reported there are new Convention Cards available now. The event schedules at future nationals will be 10 AM and 3 PM. More details can be found in Stu's report in the upcoming Diamond in the Ruff.

Norman's 'straw man' goals for the Unit were distributed. They will be discussed at a special meeting.

Ray promised to update the Unit's **Bylaws** on the website by the weekend.

Ray reported that he has scanned old unit documents dating back to 1988 in pdf format with a gap from 1995 through 1999. Lynn proposed storing Unit archives on a Google Drive.

A **special meeting** was scheduled for April 26. Judy said she would be out of town.

The meeting was adjourned.

--Ray Yuenger

Secretary

Minutes ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Special Meeting

April 26, 2022 5:30 PM

In attendance: Mich Ravera, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Karen O'Connell, Norman Marks, Michael Fleisher, Bruce Luttrell, Stu Goodgold, Lynn Bartz, and guests Lynn Yokel and Betsy Wagner.

The **minutes** of the last Unit Board meeting were continued to the next regular meeting.

The Board agreed to move to the **new website** as soon as technically feasible.

In line with the Objectives of Unit 507 as identified in the By-Laws, after discussion and various suggestions the Board agreed on the following objectives for 2022 as drafted by Norman Marks and amended. The meeting was adjourned following this agreement.

2022 Objectives

1. Support and publicize the clubs that are operating in the area, both their face-to-face and virtual activities. The decisions of whether and when to open for face-to-face games are reserved for the club directors, not the Unit and its Board. However, the goal is to have clubs playing face-to-face by the end of 2022.
2. Hold one Sectional in the Fall of 2022 that is face-to-face, and plan two Sectionals for 2023.
3. Hold at least two face-to-face Unit Championship games by the end of 2022.
4. Support individuals/organizations that are teaching bridge and bringing people of all ages to the game. Support includes promoting the classes in Unit communications, including advanced lessons that may be offered from time to time. Target is to have at least one class operating in each community by the end of 2022.
5. Keep members and potential members aware of and interested in bridge activities within the community. Communicate the achievements and promotions of members and celebrate the lives of any who have passed away.
6. Participate and promote district and ACBL charitable activities.
7. Maintain and keep current the Unit web site with communications and other activities detailed above.
8. Maintain the financial health of the Unit.

--Ray Yuenger, Secretary