

Minutes ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

August 9, 2022 5:30 PM

In attendance: Board members Mich Ravera, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Karen O'Connell, Norman Marks, , Stu Goodgold, Lynn Bartz, Doug Hong, Betsey Wagner, Judy Fisher, and Michael Fleisher (late as expected).

Mich was unable to appear or speak for the first 13 minutes of the meeting due to technical difficulties. In Mich's absence, Mischel Postas commenced the meeting.

The **minutes** of the last meeting were approved as circulated without objection.

The Treasurer noted the highlights of her **financial report**.

The Board ratified **two email votes**, one to follow ACBL/CDC protocols for masking at the upcoming unit game, and the other was to provide no food for said game.

No one had any immediate suggestions to improve the **new website**. Lynn Yokel later mentioned that links to upcoming special games like NAP qualifying games should appear on the front page. Lynn Bartz said it wouldn't be a problem.

Ray explained that he has been a few months behind in posting the approved **minutes** of the Board on the website. He did post the latest minutes when the same unit member contacted both Michael and Mich about the minutes being outdated. Ray noted that the minutes will always be delayed a month because the Board approves of the minutes once a month. Norman suggested that the draft minutes be circulated to the Board for review, not approval, when there are action items pending. Ray promised to do what he could to prepare drafts more expeditiously for the Board, not the website. Norman suggested that a draft with action items should be circulated to the Board within a week. Ray suggested that the entire Board could be sent a link to the recording of the meeting right after the meeting. Board members expressed disinterest in sitting through the meeting again. Mich pointed out that minutes should be limited to the actions of the Board, not the discussion. Norman said that action items are the most important topic to circulate. Ray said he would normally be free to circulate the draft within a week.

Regarding the **membership game** scheduled for August 20, Doug Hong said that he could again provide tables, bidding boxes, BridgeMates, and table markers. Ray said he would again rent a van and bring those supplies. Mischel said she is coordinating the game. Norman has been updating the Google Sheet to indicate who is attending. People can update the Google Sheet to note requests to partners. Mich said he would include notice of the unit game and a request for help in his next Presidential communication.

It was noted that the unit could hold two monthly unit games even without a bridge club.

Mich assigned Bruce to obtain a **sanction** for the unit game, saying it was the same process as obtaining a sectional sanction.

Regarding the **fall sectional**, Bruce explained that he needs help to obtain sanctions. Ray offered to explain to Bruce the steps for obtaining a unit game sanction. There was some confusion about whether the unit has obtained a sanction for the fall sectional yet. Mischel said we needed a site to obtain a sanction. Bruce had asked the Palo Alto Unit whether he could hold our sectional at their club.

Regarding the **holiday party**, Mischel said we have reserved the Roosevelt Room for November 19, but need to pay for it. It was moved and seconded that Mischel secure the room. The motion carried.

Regarding one of the **Unit's objectives**, Ray asked what kind of efforts should be made to **promote face-to-face games** in nearby Units. It was noted that our website has listed and linked nearby sectionals and has also listed and linked the websites of nearby Units. A motion by Norman carried by majority vote that the Unit include in the monthly newsletter tournaments and special games in clubs within a drivable area of which we have notice. Lynn Bartz noted that some people unsubscribe every time a Pianola blast goes out, and Lynn Yokel said that people won't read Pianola blasts if we send too many.

Judy said there are two **classes** scheduled for the fall, one by her and one by Betsey. Ray asked to be sent flyers for the classes.

Stu suggested that we work on reserving dates for **next year's sectionals**. Lynn Yokel said to contact Anne Hollingsworth regarding available dates for next year.

Ray reported there has been no progress on finding a club site.

As to disposing of supplies in **storage**, Ray said that no one has responded to the Craigslist ad. There will be a separate ad to dispose of the cabinets. We are seeking photos of the cabinets with the doors installed. Ray said the doors were removed to move the cabinets and the doors and cabinets are wrapped in plastic. A deadline for disposing of the contents before a payment is due on October 3rd was suggested. It was recognized that Ray had already been authorized to dispose of the contents one way or another. Judy said she would call to figure out what kind of notice to cancel the contract is required.

The total **membership** is 537.

There was no news from the **District** and the next District Board meeting will be on September 10.

From the **ACBL**, Stu reminded Board members to vote in the Regional Director election. Ray explained that the ACBL sends out electronic ballots that need to be filled out within a month. There was a question whether the ACBL has recognized Betsey as a Board

member. Stu said that she was not on the list, though Mich said he had notified the ACBL three times. Stu referred to his upcoming article in the District newsletter for other developments at the national Board level.

--Ray Yuenger