

Minutes ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

January 11, 2022 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: Mich Ravera, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Karen O'Connell, Lynn Bartz, Doug Hong, Lynn Yokel (guest)

The **minutes** of the December meeting were approved as submitted.

The **treasurer's report** was accepted.

No volunteers have come forward to join the Board.

An authorized **unit championship** has not been scheduled yet. A motion was approved to allow Lynn Yokel to schedule it in first three months.

The Unit lacks a **sectional chair**. Ray says a spring sectional is not on the district's schedule. Lynn Y. says it is not in Tourney Trax. The Board nominated Norman in his absence to serve as sectional chair. There was some confusion over when an online regional is scheduled. Mischel will check on the church's availability.

There was a discussion of topics for the next **Presidential communication**. One was the upcoming Silver Points game in a week. Lynn Yokel will send a notice.

Ray reported that since Palo Alto has suspended operations, one of the triggering conditions for the **San Jose Club reopening** will not occur. There will be no search for a club site until the conditions are met.

564 members are listed in the latest **In and Out** report. Mischel said the draft flyer for the nationals does not identify the Mindy Foos and Wendy Dewell games as memorial games. Lynn Bartz said that the instructions for naming games leave it up to the donor. The only people who have seen the list are those naming games and others they shared it with. Ray will look in the minutes regarding the vote about the Wendy Dewell game.

Stu reported that the **ACBL Board** had a special meeting coming up the following week. Stu solicited comments on having national games at 10 and 3 instead of 1 and 7. Opinions were divided.

Ray reported on the reduced attendance at the Monterey 2022 Regional, 36% table count compared to the last one before Covid. **District 21** fell 700 room nights below its minimum commitment, so D21 could owe attrition of over \$80,000. The D21 President and Ray as Secretary met with Hyatt hotel representatives earlier this afternoon and presented D21's concerns. The Hyatt people will be following up with proposals.

A D21 Board meeting is scheduled for the following Saturday. Lynn B. is running for Treasurer, Ray is running for Secretary, and Stu is running for a new position called

Executive Committee Officer. The Board recommended voting for our Unit Board members. There was discussion about how to conduct a secret ballot. The Board will be voting on a budget for 2022. Another topic is whether D21 should withdraw from the Western Conference, which stages STAC games. Another topic may be the outcome of the hiring of the governance attorney.

As **new business**, Stu brought up naming a memorial single session event at the nationals after Loreta Flynn. Ray pointed out that Loreta was not a unit member. The motion was seconded and approved. Mischel said she could ask Loreta's family to write up a description. Lynn B said that prices vary by event.

Mischel had to leave after casting her vote.

There was a report that Fran Dickman was recovering.

The meeting was **adjourned**. The next scheduled meeting is February 8, 2022.

--Ray Yuenger
Secretary