

Minutes ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Regular Meeting

January 10, 2023 5:30 PM

In attendance: Mich Ravera, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Michael Fleisher, Judy Fisher, Doug Hong, Betsy Wagner, Norman Marks, Stu Goodgold, Lynn Bartz, Bruce Luttrell, and guest Lynn Yokel. Guest Milind Girkar arrived at 5:35.

The **December minutes** were approved as circulated.

The **Treasurer's report** was acknowledged, though it did not include the year-end report.

The Unit switched **domain name registrars** to save money.

Lynn Yokel reported that the **San Jose Bridge Club** has a **grand opening** scheduled in eight days. Ten tables have already registered. Lynn Bartz reported that notice to some neighboring units was sent via Marketing Solutions/Pianola. Lynn Yokel was to notify everyone in our unit via the Unit's Pianola account, for which is there no charge. Some board members said they got two notices about the game. From the discussion, they might both have been sent by Lynn Yokel. Lynn is planning to use the larger room at the United Methodist Church for the first game, though it costs more rent.

Lynn is going to receive the balance of the funds from the San Jose Bridge Center Association and open a new account. Judy said there's about \$3,000 left in their account. Lynn will provide information to the Unit about the new account but would prefer the Unit not to be a signatory. Ray announced there were some proceeds, around \$270, from the storage unit still to be deposited in the new account.

Regarding the **Spring Sectional**, Norman learned that the United Methodist Church is not available on Sundays. Mich found out the dates are available at the Palo Alto Bridge Center. On a motion by Betsy, amended by Ray, the Board voted to approve holding the next sectional at the PABC subject to the same terms as before, namely \$15 per table up to \$500 a day per rent and paying for the cleaning service both nights.

Michael asked why we are holding only two sectionals a year. Stu said that more openings have become available in the District's schedule during the pandemic. Bruce said he would look into the possibility of holding more. Ray reviewed the District's calendar and said it looked pretty full in the immediate future.

There was some discussion of holding sectionals on Friday and Saturday and not Sunday. The church on Campbell Avenue and the United Methodist Church were discussed as possible sites.

Norman discussed his written review of the **Unit's progress towards its goals** for 2022. In general, we accomplished what we set out to do.

Ray said he needs to update parts of the website like the Presidential communiques.

Mich asked for items for his **monthly message**.

Mischel said there are now **534 members** in the Unit.

Ray mentioned that Judy Fisher was given a **District 21 Goodwill award** at the Monterey regional. The District is trying to find a date for its next meeting that doesn't conflict with a local sectional or a district event.

Lynn Bartz reported that D21 the **Monterey regional** was profitable because more volunteers are being used. There was discussion about why the Sparks tournament is not being held this year. The District is looking into Fresno as a regional site and considering Sparks at the end of May.

Stu reported there is an upcoming meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors.

There was some discussion of how to make **bylaws changes**. Norman is interested in reviewing the bylaws.

Betsy proposed moving the **sectional game times** up 30 minutes. Mischel seconded it. Judy was opposed. Betsy knows people who think 3:30 is too late for an afternoon start. Others proposed moving up the afternoon start, but not the morning. Bruce said 10:30 and 3 would work. A second motion was made. A majority opposed starting at 10 am and 3 pm. A majority favored starting at 10:30 am both days and moving the Saturday afternoon start to 3 pm.

The **next meeting** was postponed till February 21 rather than holding it on Valentine's Day.

--Ray Yuenger, Secretary