

Minutes ACBL Unit 507 Board Regular Zoom Meeting

April 11, 2023 5:30 PM

In attendance: Mich Ravera, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Michael Fleisher, Judy Fisher, Norman Marks, Stu Goodgold, Bruce Luttrell, Lynn Bartz, Doug Hong, Betsy Wagner, and guests Lynn Yokel and Milind Girkar. Karen O'Connell appeared at 6:15.

The **minutes** of the March meeting were approved as circulated.

The receipt of the **Treasurer's report** was acknowledged.

Regarding preparations for the **spring sectional**, Bruce thanked Doug Hong for allowing him to deal six sets of boards at his house, three for each session on Saturday. Bruce explained that he had difficulty locating the sanction number but found it with some assistance. Mischel pointed out that the latest ACBL Bulletin had a misleading description of our sectional. Bruce made two jumbo card sets. Lynn Yokel provided Bruce with the sanction number by email. Ray explained the ACBL insurance that is provided to Units for sectionals. Lynn Yokel said Will Watson charges \$11 per set dealing boards.

Bruce asked if he needed to go to Costco for snacks. Lynn Bartz reiterated her offer to provide snacks.

Judy brought up the vaccination requirements. Ray explained that the ACBL requirement is in effect until May 15. Apparently, the San Mateo sectional players were only checked the first session. Judy will acquire wristbands. Norman asked how the vaccination check would work for a team of six when one pair may only be showing up in the afternoon. Judy said she wouldn't be around for the second session on Sunday. Mich said he would be. Sam Yokel is going to caddy.

Regarding our **annual membership meeting**, no one had been in touch with the Campbell Community Center. Mischel volunteered to check with them on available dates. Mischel was going to check for the final weekend in July. The Board agreed on that date. The Board discussed having a meal before the game.

Topics for the monthly **Presidential communication** were discussed.

Mischel provided the **in-and-out report**. Our Unit size is now 517.

Norman reminded Ray that the **reopening committee** had met and recommended encouraging new club directors and subsidizing their training. Lynn Yokel said there are on-line director courses for \$50. Norman moved that the Unit cover the cost of director training from an ACBL course. The motion was seconded and approved. A second motion was made and seconded to restrict funding to those who intend to direct in Unit 507. The amendment was approved.

Ray reported on a special **District 21 Board meeting**. The Board approved of holding a Non-Life Master Regional in conjunction with the Firecracker sectional. The Board voted to retain requiring proof of vaccination for the upcoming Sacramento regional.

The third topic at the meeting was new events at the regionals, with a BAM teams event in Sacramento and mixed pairs in Santa Clara, and the two-day open pairs event in Santa Clara being converted to IMP pairs. Two board members were opposed to the IMP pairs event. One spoke in favor of having an individual event. A third member proposed to use IMP pairs in lieu of single-session Swiss.

Stu reported that the **ACBL Board** was close to hiring an Executive Director. A recent ACBL survey revealed strong support (about 2 out of 3) for vaccination requirements at NABCs and regionals.

A promotion on BBO got 198 lapsed ACBL members to renew their memberships. New measures are allowing foreign members to become Life Masters. The Boost program has been funding teachers of new potential players.

The Board decided to announce the **Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners** at the membership meeting. Mischel proposed distributing a list of names on the tables at the membership meeting. Ray mentioned the medallions available for the Mini-McKenney winners. Bruce said certificates are available for download by players who earned them from the ACBL. There was a consensus to obtain medallions. Mischel volunteered to obtain them.

Bruce was asked to look into finding dates and locations for a **limited sectional** and for a **unit team championship**.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 9.

--Ray Yuenger

U507 Secretary