

ACBL Unit 507 Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM

In attendance: Mich Ravera, Michael Fleisher, Judy Fisher, Norman Marks, Stu Goodgold, Bruce Luttrell, Doug Hong, Betsy Wagner, and Karen O'Connell (representing a quorum) with guests Lynn Yokel, Jennifer Ravera, and Milind Girkar.

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

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

The payment to Patricia Steele for monies owed after catering the April Sectional was approved.

The Board also approved holding the Annual Meeting on August 12th with setup at 12:00 noon and break down by 4:45pm. The room has been reserved and payment made. The award medallions and certificates are in hand. The fees will be \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members, both including lunch, Bruce will ask Patricia Steele if she is interested in catering the lunch and what the cost would be.

Bruce reported that there is work to be done on the **Fall Sectional**, which will be held in Mountain View at the Palo Alto club's facility. After the meeting, he shared emails from ACBL approving the event beginning Friday November 3rd. However, the email incorrectly referred to a Mountain View Open Sectional rather than a Silicon Valley Sectional. Doug told the Board that his dealing machine and cards would be available. There was some discussion about how to limit the use of large print cards in future events. Lynn will be the director.

The Board voted to start this and future sectionals at 10:00am for both Saturdays and Sundays, and 10:30am for Fridays. Bruce is working on options for Friday's events.

With respect to officer and board member elections, all four officers as well as Michael and Bruce have their terms expiring this year. All have indicated their intention to stand for re-election. Mich will ask for nominations in his next communication to members. If there are any nominations, he will schedule an election with the results to be announced at the Annual Meeting.

The debrief on the **Spring Sectional** started with the Board thanking Bruce for his leadership and hard work. Jennifer Ravera was invited to speak, and she suggested that rather than asking Bruce to do so much himself, he should have a committee supporting him; free plays could be offered as an incentive to join the committee. Norman pointed out that the Board had suggested to Bruce in prior meetings that he form such a committee, and he had agreed. (It was not pointed out in the meeting that Lynn had developed the flyer and Judy had served as Safety Officer.) Judy suggested that Bruce ask Will to deal the boards at a cost of \$11 per set, which the Unit can readily afford. Discussion followed on lessons learned, specifically the need for improved communications.

Bruce reported that he is working on a Limited Sectional. It will be held between September 10th and November 10th.

Judy shared the sad news that Bev Wright had passed away.

The Board members acknowledged receiving a copy of the In/Out report.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 20th at 5:30pm.

Norman Marks, Acting U507 Secretary