

Minutes ACBL Unit 507 Board Regular Meeting

September 10, 2024 5:30 PM

In attendance at the outset of the meeting at the Garret Station were President Mich Ravera, Vice-President Stu Goodgold, Secretary Ray Yuenger, Treasurer Karen O'Connell, Board members Milind Girkar, Mischel Postas, Lynn Bartz, Judy Fisher, Norman Marks, Michael Fleisher, and Betsy Wagner.

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

Regarding the **financial report**, it was accepted. Milind said his email question had been answered.

A **sectional report** had been written and distributed. Ray said there was a pending sanction request for a new weekend in April, 4-6. There are no plans for a limited sectional.

Mischel reported on **membership changes**, with a total for the month of 497.

The **Santa Clara regional** table count was up 10%. Lynn reported that as D21 Treasurer she hadn't yet seen the hotel bill and one expense report. We might be paying a \$3,000 penalty for a room shortfall.

Mich reported the GNT stratifications are changing.

Ray reported that he hadn't yet attempted a Unit name change with the IRS and he hadn't yet scheduled a Bylaws Committee meeting.

There was a discussion about ordering **name badges** for board members. Mischel and Karen said they already ordered their own. Betsy suggested that we should be buying name tags for new players and said that she has gone ahead and ordered some for people who have just joined the ACBL. It's going to say their name and where they live, but not the Unit number. Mischel is putting Silicon Valley Unit 507 on hers.

Norman proposed that Board members have badges identifying ourselves as U507 Board members while playing in the Wednesday game. Lynn said that the new people are playing in a separate game and that wearing a badge won't make someone friendly. Stu said that new players don't care who is on the Unit Board. There was a lot of discussion about what should be on the badge. Betsy mentioned the Unit buy them if we are supposed to wear them. Lynn pointed out all the ordering options. Ray reported the motion as being that the Unit members will buy the Board members name tags that identify us as Board members and we are requested to wear them at our club games. Mich volunteered to collect the orders. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 4.

Another topic was **free plays** for retaining members. Lynn Bartz reported that Lynn Yokel said she's going to let everyone play for free with or without certificates from the Unit.

Ray opposed having future live meetings in loud venues.

Norman reported that some players had complained that others were playing too seriously.

October 8 was proposed as the next meeting. Betsy said she wouldn't be around. Stu pointed out that it conflicts with the Reno/Sparks regional. Betsy said that the 8th is fine.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

--Ray Yuenger