

Minutes of Regular Zoom Meeting of ACBL Unit 507 Board

September 9, 2025 5:30 PM

In **attendance** at the outset of the virtual meeting were: President Mich Ravera, Vice-President Stu Goodgold, Secretary Ray Yuenger, Treasurer Karen O'Connell, and board members Joanne Cornbleet, Linda Rocha, Judy Fisher, Mischel Postas, Lynn Bartz, and guest Lynn Yokel. Betsy Wagner arrived at 5:37.

The **minutes** of the August meeting that had been circulated were deemed approved.

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

Mich proposed that Stu Goodgold and Lynn Bartz be the unit's nominees for the positions of **District 21 area directors** for the South area in which U507 is located. Ray, who is on the D21 Election Committee, explained that out of the five areas in D21, only two of them have more than the minimum number of candidates, so they will have contested elections.

Mich asked for recommendations for **D21 Goodwill awards**, noting we have a month to submit them. A list of prior recipients has been circulated to the Board. Mich said he would create a new list focusing on U507 recipients.

Joan reported that from a list she compiled of **PA systems** for the club Mich and Ray had agreed on which was best to acquire. She described its features. There was discussion of who would be in charge of it. Stu suggested it should be left to the club directors. Lynn Bartz described a different system that Anne Wilson had used at the regional. Joanne had talked to Anne about that system. It is 40-watt as opposed to the 70-watt we are looking at. Ray said it was experimental anyway. Lynn Yokel said the directors would take care of it. Joanne described the item. There was no objection to Joanne buying the item.

Linda reported that she had talked with Ray about **running sectionals**. With Mischel she also spoke with Geri McDonald of U503 about what is on the premises of the Palo Alto Bridge club. Linda could use help locating volunteers. Linda is picking up the snacks. She needs someone to handle the key to the premises as she won't be there on Saturday. Linda will be asking people at tomorrow's game to volunteer. Mich suggested a pre-sectional meeting the same week to see what needs to be done. Lynn Bartz is going to arrange for sandwiches for Sunday. Stu asked about the partnership desk and on-site signup. Mich said he'll do partnership on-site the second two days, not the first. Stu volunteered to make introductory remarks on Friday.

Regarding **upcoming sectionals**, Ray said we have sanctions for 2026 but not schedules yet. The April flyer isn't needed before our next sectional. Joanne asked if the 49er group would be charged the same amount. Lynn Yokel said it is not the ACBL policy to charge juniors half-price. Ray pointed out the price has been on the flyer for a while now. U507 policy is juniors are half-price.

Regarding **the holiday party**, the church is reserved for the afternoon of November 22. Mischel has brought ham in the past but said we should have another main dish. Stu said we should publicize it soon. The consensus was to stick with tradition, main dishes and potluck and charge \$12. Turkey and ham. Potluck mashed potatoes. Betsy

suggested the fee should be \$10. Lynn agreed. Stu suggested \$15. The motion to charge \$10 passed without dissent. Publicity was discussed. It will not be publicized outside the unit. Mich said he'd create sign-up lists for attending and for bringing food.

Joann reviewed the **in and out report**. She has followed up with the 5-5-5 program. She also inquired of 24 NLM players how unit could improve and received several responses. Mischel was discouraged by reading some of the responses. One complaint was that the directors can't always help beginners. Betsy wanted that promise removed from the website. Lynn Y agreed. One player complained about being laughed at by opponents. The director inquired and said they were joking about other things. Judy said the players who were offended are fragile. Lynn Y said the players misunderstood that they were being laughed at. The director asked them to apologize but the offended players had already left. Newer players need to learn to call directors. Lynn B has another complaint about Ron. Stu pointed out that the Unit has no jurisdiction over player behavior in clubs.

Mich pointed out we exceeded our retention goal in the past month. Ray pointed out that the In and Out report lists 485 members, but a recent roster had 517 members.

Mich said there has been little happening with the **mentor program**.

Mich asked for reminders for his **monthly column**.

Linda agreed to a check-up meeting on September 30th before the sectional.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 14.

On September 30 some members of the Board met to discuss what remains to be done for the sectional. The meeting was not recorded and the Secretary did not take notes.

Submitted by

--Ray Yuenger