

## Minutes of Regular Meeting of ACBL Unit 507 Board

June 17, 2025 5:30 PM

The Board of Unit 507 met in a separate room in Jack's Restaurant at the Westgate Mall. After dinner orders were placed, President Mich Ravera called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM. In attendance were Vice-President Stu Goodgold, Secretary Ray Yuenger, Treasurer Karen O'Connell, Board members Judy Fisher, Milind Girkar, Lynn Bartz, Mischel Postas, and Betsy Wagner, and guests Joanne Cornbleet and Linda Rocha.

The **minutes** of the May meeting that had been circulated were deemed approved by unanimous consent.

The **treasurer's reports** were accepted with thanks.

The President acknowledged the **resignation** of Michael Fleisher due to family health concerns.

The Board ratified without objection an **advance consent** item, namely an email vote adopting the "policy of the Unit to reimburse teachers for the reasonable cost of liability insurance for lessons not offered at Unit Events."

Regarding the **annual membership meeting and unit game**, Stu said we have a director and he plans to give Board members assignments. 11:40 AM was proposed as the time to move the tables. Mischel suggested people could pick them up a day earlier. The need for another advertising blast was discussed along with more information than in the earlier blast, namely all the 2024 awards. Mischel will bring water. We aren't serving coffee. Desserts will not be provided or requested. We will not specifically invite members from other Units. How to collect the money from nonmembers was discussed.

Regarding our **sectionals**, Lynn Bartz had circulated a flyer for the fall sectional in advance of the meeting. Joanne asked if we could add a 49er section to Saturday morning. The proposal was approved by consensus. Regarding a spring 2026 sectional, Ray had a list of possible weekends when the Palo Alto Bridge Center was available. The Board agreed on the dates of March 27 – 29. It was explained to Linda Rocha that we compensate the Palo Alto directors for closing their Friday morning game in favor of our sectional. Lynn explained U503's problems with their landlord, which she learned as Treasurer of District 21.

Ray also reported that only one weekend is available in September and October for our fall sectional. The Board agreed to that weekend but asked Ray to check with U503 regarding November. Ray reported that they aren't planning any dates in 2027 yet. It was discussed with our guests why we keep going back to Palo Alto for sectionals and why the contract with West Valley ended.

There was discussion about having a **local sectional** on one day which is limited to 25 tables. Another suggestion was a weekend team game.

There was discussion about reimbursing the church for running the **air-conditioning** on warm days. Norman used to be our contact person with the church. There was disagreement about how much the cost of the a/c should be for us.

Joanne mentioned that during our sectionals we should announce it is a U507 sectional. We should also have a flyer promoting our games, including **the game at the Villages**. The Villages is interested in advertising their game and Joanne has put together a flyer describing the game. The cost is \$4. They are concerned about attracting unfriendly, competitive players. Joanne read out parts of the flyer.

Joanne suggested we change the name of the Wednesday game. She was informed that it is up to the directors of the game, not the Unit.

Mischel summarized the In and Out report. Our **membership** is now 483.

The Wednesday game **beginner section** is now 0-30. One table has graduated to the open game. It was suggested to invite Santa Cruz club members.

Regarding the **mentor program**, Milind described his mentoring experiences. Stu will be playing with a mentee. Milind has limited time available. Milind mentioned his written proposal to change the program's description, which he had circulated before the meeting. Joanne and Ray had agreed with it.

As **continuing business**, Mich brought up the Board's failure to approve by email reimbursement of Betsy and Judy's **costs of insuring their bridge teaching** at the Los Gatos Recreation Center. Ray explained that he had not voted in favor of it by email because it was unclear whether the insurance would also cover Lynn Bartz teaching at a different facility. Betsy had learned it was site-specific. Having since learned the details, Ray is now in favor of the proposal. Judy said Lynn's situation is different. There was a motion to reimburse Betsy and Judy for their insurance cost of \$275. There was some discussion that there should be a cap of some reasonable amount. A majority was in favor of reimbursing the amount they had already spent.

Stu Goodgold announced that D21 has just changed its procedure for **electing Directors to its Board**. The 21 Units have been grouped into 5 areas, each of which will elect three Area Directors. Anyone who is elected a District Officer will automatically become a Director-at-Large if they aren't already an Area Director. Lynn said she doesn't want to run for Area Director, though she plans to continue as Treasurer.

The President described what fun **Bridge Wars** is.

Joanne wanted to know who is operating **our Unit website** so we can publicize the game at the Villages. It is Lynn, Ray, and Milind.

The President reviewed the action items. Mischel said she's bringing water and cookies to the membership game.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 8. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

--Ray Yuenger