

## Minutes of Regular Zoom Meeting of ACBL Unit 507 Board

January 13, 2026 5:30 PM

In **attendance** at the outset of the virtual meeting were: President Mich Ravera, Vice-President Stu Goodgold, Secretary Ray Yuenger, and Board members Judy Fisher, Mischel Postas, Linda Rocha, and Milind Girkar. Joanne Cornbleet joined at 5:41. Betsy Wagner joined at 5:47. Expected absences were Lynn Bartz and Karen O'Connell.

The draft **minutes** of the December meeting were approved as circulated.

The **treasurer's report** was discussed. In emails, Ray had explained that small nonprofit public benefit corporations like U507 with gross receipts or revenues under \$25,000 are required to prepare an **annual financial report** with contents dictated by Corporations Code section 6321(a) and provide it to the Board of Directors and also to any members who request it. There is no requirement to make it publicly available in our bridge club as we did when the club was open every day of the week. Mich will announce in his monthly Presidential column that the report is available to members upon request of our Treasurer.

Milind made a seconded motion that the report be made more available by publishing it on the website. After discussion, the motion failed. Milind asked what would happen if someone who received the report published it online. Ray suggested that the report should be shared with members on the condition that it not be so publicized.

As a consent item, Joanne was approved as the "**Volunteer Coordinator**" to collect a list of potential volunteers to perform duties at club games or sectionals that were listed in an email she had circulated.

### **Future sectionals**

**Sectional coordinator** Linda reported that she brought flyers to the Monterey Regional. It looked like people were picking them up. Lynn Yokel told her that unused flyers travel with the directors in the "sectional box," which contains the supplies that directors use in running local sectionals. Linda is going to bring flyers to the Palo Alto club. Joanne will help find out whether flyers could be left at the Villages club.

Ray brought up that the ACBL had notified him at the beginning of the Monterey regional on January 5 about an **error in our latest flyers**, namely, they listed a stratification for "silver rush" pairs but no such event. Lynn Bartz had immediately sent out a correction which Ray sent to Mischel, who had earlier asked for a copy of the latest flyer so she could help Linda print and distribute them. Ray immediately sent the corrected version to the ACBL. Mischel hadn't noticed this email.

During the meeting, Ray displayed a copy of the latest flyer. Lynn's quick "correction" had eliminated the reference to a silver rush stratification, rather than adding a silver rush pairs event. There was a consensus that the Board hadn't intended to eliminate the silver rush event, so the flyer needs another correction. Ray said he'd notify Lynn B. Stu pointed out there was an imminent sectional in San Francisco if we wanted to hand out new flyers, and Linda responded that they don't exist yet. It was pointed out that "silver rush" is a marketing term concocted by our Unit.

Linda proposed that **three email blasts** should be sent to promote each sectional on dates she has in mind. She wanted to know whom to talk to about sending the blasts. Ray recalled that at the last Board meeting, Linda was authorized to tell Lynn B when to send email blasts. Mich suggested specific weeks for sending the blasts, and Ray said that was within Linda's discretion as the sectional coordinator. Linda can use help from Board members recruiting **more volunteers** for the next sectional.

Linda also brought up that our fall sectional conflicts one day with a U498 San Mateo nonLifeMaster sectional. Mich said he'd contact U498 about resolving this conflict.

Joanne mentioned that the Wednesday directors are willing to publicize our sectionals when they send out their weekly club game invitations.

### **Other reports**

Joanne had circulated a written **membership report** and she summarized the highlights. She also reported on our progress in the ACBL's 5-5-5 program and recommended that U507 market what it offers to members and keep the website up to date. She proposed offering a limited club game. One limitation for a new game is the need for finding a director and a location. Milind is working with people in their homes.

Joanne talked about U507 helping the Wednesday game directors with **monthly birthday celebrations** for players. We could share the cost of the \$18 cake that Gabi had purchased and then be entitled to sign birthday cards on behalf the Unit to players having birthdays. Some asked what was written on the cake. Joanne displayed a "happy birthday" sign she had composed. She also displayed the birthday card she'd purchased. She read the wording on some stickers for the cards. There was discussion about how the cards should be signed. A motion was made that the Unit would pay up to \$20 of the cost of a monthly cake. Joanne said each person who says they are having a birthday will receive a card with candy enclosed. The cards will be signed during the monthly birthday game from U507 and the San Jose Bridge Club. The motion passed with some objections.

Ray pointed out that the Unit had agreed for the end of 2025 to absorb all the **extra costs of special club games**, but the vote did not cover any games in 2026. Stu questioned how a unit championship was authorized for tomorrow's game. Ray explained that because the Unit is entitled to hold 24 championships and holds two, the Unit freely authorizes the directors to hold them, normally towards the end of the year. The Board hadn't authorized one for tomorrow yet. It was suggested that the directors should make a specific proposal for reimbursement of the extra costs for the Board to make a determination. The Board authorized the Wednesday game to hold up to 12 club championships in 2026.

Mich reviewed the action items, namely correcting the flyer and contacting U498. Ray will notify the game directors about the Unit's votes about championship games. Joanne will notify them about the birthday games.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 10.

Submitted by

--Ray Yuenger