

# **ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

## **Minutes of February 15, 2017**

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Arti Bhargava on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 3:35 pm in Terra Linda.

**Directors Present:** Arti Bhargava, Hilde Meislin, Gail Haar, Rita Schaulat, Ellen Coll, Tracey Bauer, Bill Yeast, Chris Koehler, Lani Valentine

**Absent:** Richard Riezman, Melanie Haddad, Jeff Slavitz

2. **Minutes.** MOTION (Gail/Ellen): That the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 18, 2017, be approved as corrected. **Carried.**

3. **Education.**

- **Jerry Helms, May 11.** A flier for this event (designed by Melanie) was passed around, and 300 copies will be printed for local distribution. The venue is Homeward Bound in Novato, and plug-in audio/visual capability is included in the rental fee. May 3 is the deadline for sign-ups. Regrettably, the date conflicts with STAC week. Chris and Rita will provide a promotional paragraph for use in the weekly blast (and the FORUM) that will energize interest, and hopefully sign-ups, for the event.
- **Barbara Seagram, November 16, at Pickleweed.**
- **Larry Cohen, May 10, 2018.**
- **Debbie Rosenberg.** Debbie has agreed to be a local speaker prior to a Unit game in the fall. Once the Unit schedule is decided, a date for her presentation will be finalized.
- **"Learn Bridge in a Day".** Arti announced that ACBL has approved our funding application and that she would follow up with Melanie about a possible location and date for the program. The merits of a date in September versus August were discussed.
- **Sound System for Unit Speakers/Parties.** Because of some comments from members that it is hard to hear clearly during some events, it was agreed to ask Henry Kingdon to evaluate our system for amplification and ease of set-up.

**4. Membership.**

- **Roster.** Gail and Bill announced that the new contact book was ready for printing. It was agreed to print 500 copies, selling at \$2.00 each. Books will be available at the various bridge game sites and can be purchased via honor code.
- **Website "Professionals Page".** A form has been sent to the teaching professionals in our Unit, as well as those with the highest level of MPs, asking if they would like to fill it out and be listed on our Website as professionals. Participation is optional.

**5. Marin Sectional.** Ellen reported that all is in order, including ads in the March and April FORUM. Discussion followed about possible successors to Ellen's position as Tournament Chair in 2018.

**6. Website.** Bill indicated that he would like to approach a student (College of Marin or high school) who might agree to edit our website as an educational project.

**7. Unit Games.** Arti brought up the suggestion (from Ellen) that we consider expanding our Unit games to two sections: an Open section and a 499er section. Peggy Tatro agrees that this would be a positive encouragement for beginners, and she would be willing to include a second section, with the understanding that a second certified Director would be needed. Sanction from ACBL would also be necessary.

Gail Haar agreed to undertake the scheduling of Unit Games in the future, in addition to her FORUM reporting.

**8. Next Meeting.** Due to a conflict with the National Tournament in Kansas City, it was agreed to postpone the next meeting to Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Lani Valentine, Secretary