

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of September 20, 2017

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Gail Haar on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 3:30 pm, in Terra Linda.

Directors Present: Gail Haar, Melanie Haddad, Chris Koehler, Judy Leedy, Bonnie Nackley, Rita Schaulat, Bob Thomson, Bill Yeast

Absent: Tracey Bauer, Ellen Coll, Hilde Meislin

2. Minutes. MOTION (Rita / Judy): That the Minutes of the Board Meeting for Unit 508 of August 16, 2017 be approved as distributed. Carried.

3. Education.

- Barbara Seagram, November 16, 2017. Registrations for the seminar have started coming in. The write up about the seminar will be revised to provide more information about the topics on which Barbara is speaking.
- Larry Cohen, May 10, 2018. Nothing to report.
- Learn Bridge in a Day, September 23, 2017. We have sold 92 places to this event and have a wait list. Some discussion about refunds to people who cancel their reservations, particularly those who paid via PayPal as the Unit does not receive the full ticket price from PayPal. While the Unit may institute a policy in the future, it was decided that for LBIAD, we will issue full refunds (and the Unit will absorb the PayPal processing fees.)

4. Mentoring. Bonnie reported that not too many people have contacted her about being mentored.

5. Website. Bob reported that the new website is working well.

6. Membership. Letters to lapsed members is on hold for the time being. To encourage newer members, the mentoring program will be promoted. In addition, Bonnie Nackley and Crossley Bridge Club are introducing a new lesson and game aimed at beginning players. On the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of month, Bonnie will give a short lesson before a 0 - 99 limited game. Flyers about the mentoring program, beginning lessons and limited games in Marin will be distributed to LBIAD participants.

7. Holiday Party. Traditionally the Unit has not charged card fees at the Holiday Party, but has encouraged players to make donations to Homeward Bound. This is a popular event and in 2016, the game was too crowded. It was decided that this year, we will require players to sign up in advance, with priority being given to Unit 508 members, perhaps through an initial registration period open only to Unit members.

8. Replace Cards for Clubs. Rita suggested replacing bidding box cards at Terra Linda. The Board has previously decided that requests for assistance from clubs will be

considered on a case by case basis. As Peggy has not made such a request, this was not taken further. Other ways for to raise funds for clubs briefly discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad
Secretary