

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of April 18, 2018

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Gail Haar on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 3:40 pm, in Terra Linda.

Directors Present: Tracey Bauer, Ellen Coll, Gail Haar, Melanie Haddad, Bonnie Nackley, Rita Schaulat, Bob Thomson, Bill Yeast

Absent: Chris Koehler, Judy Leedy, Hilde Meislin

2. Minutes. MOTION (Ellen / Bill): That the Minutes of the Board Meeting for Unit 508 of March 21, 2018 be approved as distributed. **Carried.**

3. President's Report.

a. The slate of proposed new directors was presented by the Nominating Committee. It is proposed that Martha England and Miriam Kaegi join the board. Ellen, Chris and Rita will go off the board. Melanie will review the bylaws to determine when the slate of proposed directors should be presented to the members of the Unit.

b. Judy will take over from Ellen as Sectional Chair. Bill Yeast will schedule the Unit games.

4. Changes in Job Descriptions.

The president reported that board job description titles have been revised more accurately to reflect the job responsibilities. Education will be called Special Events. It is responsible for producing 2 national speakers and 2 local speaker events every year. In addition, since mentoring is a form of outreach, Mentoring and Outreach have been combined into Development. Bonnie will review the job description and decide whether she wishes to take on this expanded role.

This led to a general discussion of outreach. Bonnie would like to find ways to encourage more beginners to come to games. She feels there should be more beginner games. Tracey volunteered to organize a pro am game.

5. Update on Sectional. Ellen is well organized. Gail, Bob, Bill and Melanie will help set up on Friday evening. Rita and Bonnie will sell lunch tickets on Saturday and Bill and Bill Shalen will sell them on Sunday. Ellie Bauer and friend will be paid to help serve lunches.

6. Education.

a. Larry Cohen, May 10, 2018. Rita reported that approximately 100 tickets have been sold. Rita will advise when registration should be closed. There has been one request for a refund, which Rita and Hilde will arrange via PayPal.

b. Possible Jerry Helms visit. Tabled.

7. Website. Bob will instruct the webmaster to identify and purchase a back up system for the Unit website that has necessary functionality (backs up and restores everything including historical data, attachments, pdfs, and other key parts outside WordPress).

8. **Membership.** Bill's last ACBL report stated that the Crossley Bridge Club is active and has Weekly and Monthly Games. As the Electronic Contact for our Unit, Bill reported the discrepancy to the ACBL.

He also reported that when a Unit member advises the ACBL of a change of address, the ACBL automatically transfers that Member to the Unit in which the new address is located. It is not clear whether the relocating member may advise the ACBL if he or she wishes to remain in the previous Unit. Bill has written the ACBL (CC Gail) to try to get this issue clarified and resolved. The number of members in our Unit has implications for the number of sectionals we may host and voting rights within the ACBL. Thus, steps will be taken to advise members accordingly once more is known.

Bill and Melanie are going to work together to add a link to our Site that enables viewers to sign-up for our private "Blast" email list.

9. **Mentoring.** Bonnie reported although she has not had many requests for mentoring, she is having difficulty finding mentors. A number of suggestions were made, including a feature on the Unit's website allowing people to sign up to be mentored and asking directors to help encourage beginners to take advantage of the mentoring program. Tracey and Bob offered to play with 500 to 1000 life masters if they will mentor non life masters. Bonnie will draft a blurb for the newsletter encouraging people to volunteer to mentor.

10. **Any Other Business.** Bill purchased a portable sound system for the the Unit for \$280, with a 3 year warranty. The sound system will be stored in the Unit's storage unit. Ellen and Judy recently cleaned and inventoried the storage unit.

The next Board Meeting will be held on May 16, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad, Secretary