

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of April 19, 2017

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Arti Bhargava on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 3:30 pm in Terra Linda.

Directors Present: Arti Bhargava, Richard Riezman, Bill Yeast, Ellen Coll, Hilde Meislin, Rita Schaulat, Gail Haar, Melanie Haddad, Lani Valentine

Absent: Chris Koehler, Tracey Bauer, Jeff Slavitz

2. Minutes. MOTION (Richard/Ellen): That the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 22, 2017, be approved as circulated. Carried.

3. Education.

- Jerry Helms, May 11, Homeward Bound. Fliers have been widely distributed to local bridge Directors and Bay Area Sectional sites. Rita feels all details are in order for the event.
- Barbara Seagram, November 16, 2017. No report.
- Larry Cohen, May 10, 2018. No report.
- Debbie Rosenberg, Spring, 2018. No report.
- District 21 Rebate. Arti announced that a request needs to be made to Lori Spaeth, District 21, for the \$300 that the District rebates to our Unit for fees we paid to local speakers in 2016.
- Education Chair Workbook. Arti mentioned that the workbook that lists every speaker engaged by the Unit over the past several years is currently in the hands of Bill Yeast.

4. Learn Bridge in a Day. Melanie reported that she needs to finalize the locale for this program to be held (September 23, 2017). Marketing efforts will begin in July/August.

5. Sound System. Melanie has been in contact with her sound system sources and hopes to have a recommendation for the Board to consider by the May meeting.

6. Membership.

- Roster. Gail announced that rosters had been distributed to Bridge Club sites for sale through the Directors. Copies will also be offered at the Marin Sectional this weekend and at the Jerry Helms event on May 11.
 - Unit Pro Page. For the time being this addition to our website is on hold.
7. Marin Sectional, April 22-23, 2017. Ellen reported that plans are all in place, and asked that Board Members help with set-up on Friday night, food assistance, and clean-up duties during the event. Arti will provide name tags for Board members.
 8. Website. Melanie will contact Laura Fraser in an effort to have Laura bring the website current. (Laura has had health issues and our hope is that she is recovering).
 9. Job Descriptions and Updates. Gail was enthusiastic in her gratitude to Susan Angel who digitized all the Board job descriptions. Gail will now forward them to the appropriate Board members for updating.
 10. Unit Games, 2 Sections. On April 9 the Sunday Unit Game provided a 499er Section in addition to the usual Open Section. Though there were only four tables at the 499er game, it is hoped that attendance will grow in size.
 11. Nominating Committee. Four Board members will be retiring on June 25 (Arti Bhargava, Richard Riezman, Lani Valentine, Jeff Slavitz). Nominating Committee members are Arti, Richard and Lani), and an email announcement to the Unit membership will be made asking those who might be interested in Board participation to contact a member of the Committee. In particular, the open positions of Mentoring Chair and Outreach Chair need filling.
 12. Youth Stipends for Toronto Nationals. MOTION (Gail/Lani): That the Board approve certain applications for youth stipends from Unit 508 for submittal to District 21 relative to attendance at the Toronto Nationals. Carried.
 13. Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, at 3:30 pm in Terra Linda. In Arti's absence, Richard will chair the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted, Lani Valentine, Secretary