

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of March 22, 2017

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Arti Bhargava on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 3:30 pm in Terra Linda.

Directors present: Arti Bhargava, Gail Haar, Hilde Meislin, Melanie Haddad, Ellen Coll, Rita Schaulat, Lani Valentine

Absent: Richard Riezman, Jeff Slavitz, Chris Koehler, Bill Yeast, Tracey Bauer

2. **Minutes.** MOTION (Hilde/Arti): That the Minutes of February 15, 2017, be approved with the addition of the following sentence under Section 5..."Discussion followed about possible successors to Ellen's position as Tournament Chair in 2018."
Carried.

3. **Education.**

- **Jerry Helms, May 11.** Rita reported that widespread publicity has been undertaken. At present there are 36 signups. Otherwise everything is in order.

- **Barbara Seagram, November 16, 2017.** No report.

- **Larry Cohen, May 10, 2018.** No report.

- **Debbie Rosenberg.** Considering that both "Learn Bridge in a Day" and Barbara Seagram are scheduled for the fall, it was agreed to wait to bring Debbie in to speak until January or February (2018) prior to a Unit game.

- **Learn Bridge in a Day.** Melanie will call Tracey to review the choice of September 23, 2017, for this event. Beginner bridge classes start the following week following Sept. 23, so it appears timely to hold the program then so as to allow participants to follow up with a series of classes. An appropriate venue is still being pursued.

4. **Sound System.** Melanie has some resources to consult about a system appropriate for Unit use.

5. Membership.

- **Roster.** Gail announced that 250 new rosters had been sold, and that sales would continue to be available at bridge clubs. It was agreed to make them available at the Sectional. Gail had the roster printed at Alpha Graphics at a good price.
- **Website/FORUM recognition of Nationals Champs.** Tracey will be contacted to give Gail and Bill the names of Unit 508 players at the recent Nationals who should be recognized in the FORUM and on the website.

6. Sectional. Ellen reviewed her extensive check off sheet re the Sectional. Notes for Board members include:

- **Friday, April 21, 6:30 pm.** Help needed for set up.
- **Saturday, April 22, 9 am.** Arti and Tracey will be greeters.
- **Food help.** Rita could use several persons to help. Bottled water will be available for purchase.
- **Directional signs.** Bill will be asked to procure and place.
- **Sunday, April 23, following play.** Board members asked to stay and assist with clean-up and break down.

7. Website. The Board was sorry to hear that Laura Fraser, our website manager, was recovering from surgery, and as such there has been a delay in getting the corrections/additions accomplished to the site.

8. Unit Games. The Unit game on Sunday, April 9, will have both an Open section and a 499er section. Richard will be asked to engage a Director for the new 499er section. Peggy will prepare identical boards for both sections.

9. Next Meeting. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 19, in Terra Linda, following play

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

Respectfully submitted, Lani Valentine, Secretary