

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of July 19, 2017

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Gail Haar on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at 3:30 pm in Terra Linda.

Directors Present: Ellen Coll, Gail Haar, Melanie Haddad, Chris Koehler, Judy Leedy, Hilde Meislin, Rita Schaulat, Bob Thomson, Bill Yeast

Absent: Tracey Bauer, Bonnie Nackley

Also Present (in part): Stu Goodgold, Jim Leuker, Gene Pudberry

2. Candidate Presentation. Jim Leuker and Stu Goodgold each made a brief presentation about their candidacy for the National ACBL Board of Directors from District 21. A representative from each of the 25 ACBL Districts is elected to serve on the National ACBL Board of Directors. Electronic ballots will be forwarded to each board member member on August 15 and directors must vote by September 15.
3. Minutes. MOTION (Hilde/ Ellen): That the Minutes of the Board Meeting for Unit 508 of June 21, be approved as distributed. Carried.
4. Election of Unit 508 Officers: MOTION (Chris/ Rita): That the following Board members serve as Officers of Unit 508 for 2017 -2018:

President:	Gail Haar
Vice-President:	Ellen Coll
Secretary:	Melanie Haddad
Treasurer:	Hilde Meislin

Carried.

5. Education.
 - Barbara Seagram, November 16, 2017. Barbara Seagram provided a flyer for us to use to promote her seminar, which Chris will amend as needed. Chris will send a brief summary about the event to Gail (Forum), Bill (newsletter), Tracey (social media) and Bob (website). Online registration will be available for this and other education events going forward.
 - Larry Cohen, May 10, 2018. We will charge \$85 a person for this event.
 - Education Events Workbook. Bill will maintain this workbook.
 - Learn Bridge in a Day, September 23, 2017. Registration for this event is now open. Bill has set up online registration and payment. Flyers will be ready by the end of the month. Judy and Chris volunteered to help with the event. Other means of marketing were discussed and Melanie & Judy will implement the marketing plan.
5. Sound System. Hal Schmidt (Tiburon) recommended a sound system he believes is similar to the system he lent the Unit for the Election party. It is available on

Amazon for about \$250. This will be considered, but in the meantime, it is hoped that Hal will lend his system again for the holiday party.

6. Website. Bob reported that the new revised website is up and running. We are moving to a new web hosting company, which will give us more flexibility than our current provider. The switch will take place on a Saturday when usage of our site is lowest.
7. Board Member Responsibilities. Descriptions of board responsibilities will be finalized and distributed.
8. Unit Game Refreshment Reimbursement. Details were reviewed. It was decided that people who volunteer to provide refreshments for Unit games will be reimbursed agreed costs up to \$70, rather than being offered the alternative of 7 free plays in lieu of reimbursement.
9. Membership. The mentoring flyer sent to all new members is being updated to include Bonnie's contact information.
10. Chair for August Meeting. Hilde or Melanie will chair the meeting as Gail and Ellen will be away. Gail will prepare the agenda.
11. Unit Games.
 - After discussion, it was decided not to show results on BridgeMates at Unit games through the end of 2017. The policy will be reviewed at that time. Bill will convey this information to unit members in his weekly email.
 - Attendance at the 499'er section at Unit games has been disappointing. Consideration was given to lowering the master point level for this section. It was decided to continue with the 499'er limit for the first year and review.
12. Letters to Lapsed Members. Tabled.
13. Budget for Support of Clubs. Consideration of a request from Michael Hartnett (Pickleweed Club) for a small financial contribution to purchase bidding cards. The Board considered that it is in the interest of the Unit that there be a variety of games and clubs and that every club within the Unit thrive and be successful. To this end, the board considers requests from Clubs for assistance on a case by case basis. MOTION: (Hilde/ Judy) that the Unit reimburse Pickleweed Club for the cost of new bidding cards. Carried.
14. Any Other Business.
 - Gene Pudberry expressed his concerns about bridge hygiene. He asked the board to take steps to remind people to wash their hands & not to attend bridge games if they are ill. Bill will convey this information to unit members in his weekly email.
 - Judy volunteered to help Ellen run the sectional in 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Haddad, Secretary