

# ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## Minutes of October 18, 2017

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Gail Haar on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 3:30 pm, in Terra Linda.

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

In attendance: Cindy Blum, Kathy Sanders

2. Minutes. MOTION (Hilde/ Ellen): That the Minutes of the Board Meeting for Unit 508 of September 20, 2017 be approved as distributed. Carried.

3. Education.

- Barbara Seagram, November 16, 2017. 70 tickets sold to date. Goal is 100. Chris & Rita will contact Barbara for a more comprehensive description of the topics on which she is speaking. There is a 3 hour limit at the parking lot at Pickleweed. Gail will contact San Rafael Police Department to ask that they not enforce the restriction on the day of the seminar.
- Larry Cohen, May 10, 2018. Nothing to report.
- Michael Hartnett. Michael will present a lesson at a Unit game in 2018. Date to be agreed with Michael once Unit game schedule is set.

4. Learn Bridge In A Day. The Learn Bridge In A Day (LBIAD) seminar was successful. It was attended by 92 beginners and the feedback was positive. Patty Tucker was an excellent teacher. Melanie has submitted paperwork to the ACBL for reimbursement of half the marketing expenses and of half other expenses up to \$500. With those anticipated reimbursements, the Unit netted \$1,613 on LBIAD. Melanie presented a profit & loss statement for LBIAD.

Melanie submitted an initial report to the ACBL. We are required to submit further reports to the ACBL in 6 months and 1 year tracking whether the participants continue with bridge.

The Unit has a one year license to present the LBIAD program. Since it is the Unit's goal to attract new bridge players into the Unit, there was discussion of offering the LBIAD seminar again within this license period. The ACBL grant covered Patty Tucker's costs so that if we were to present the program again, we would have to pay Patty's fees and expenses (\$1,600 fee + travel and expenses). Melanie will investigate whether other units in the area would be interested in presenting LBIAD and sharing Patty's costs.

5. Mentoring: We will promote the mentoring program again in the weekly newsletter. It is promoted to all new members. Bonnie has started a game at Crossley on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays aimed at beginners, with a lesson followed

by supervised play. Information about this game (and other limited games in Marin) was provided to all LBIAD participants.

6. Website. Bob will investigate whether it is possible to present game results without having to click through so many pages to get to the results. Marin Club, Marin Sectional, D21 Regionals and NABC events will be listed on the calendar on the Unit website.

Bill expressed concern that the Unit website is not backed up adequately. The WordPress part of the site is currently backed up to the cloud, but the historical data, attachments, pdfs, and other key parts outside WordPress, are not currently backed up by our Webmaster. Bob was going to check with the Webmaster and report back on alternatives, including the possibility of having a full monthly backup, perhaps on CD/DVD, to be held offsite by the Unit's president.

7. Membership. Discussion whether it would be useful for someone to visit the unsanctioned games in Marin and encourage them to come to our beginning games.
8. Holiday Party. There were 44 tables at the Holiday Party last year, which was too crowded. This year we will limit the game to 32 tables and players will be required to sign up in advance. Priority will be given to Unit 508 members until 11/19. A Unit member may sign up with a non Unit member during the priority period.

Cindy and Kathy are again handling the food. They will post sign up sheets for people to volunteer to bring food or to contribute cash. Kathy has prepared the flyer, which Melanie will finalize.

9. Michael Hartnett Request. Michael has asked whether the Unit would pay for half of a dealing machine for the Pickleweed Club. Since the Unit already owns half the dealing machines used by the Crossley and Terra Linda Bridge Clubs, it was decided to look into ways to share the existing machines.
10. Sectional. Ellen distributed the flyer for our 2018 sectional for review. Lunch will not be provided this year. Lunch will be available for purchase on Saturday and Sunday.
11. Any Other Business. Hilde presented the Unit's Financial Statement of Operations for the quarter ending 9/30/17.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad  
Secretary