

# ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## Minutes of February 14, 2018

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Gail Haar on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at 3:30 pm, in Terra Linda.

**Directors Present:** Tracey Bauer, Gail Haar, Melanie Haddad, Judy Leedy, Hilde Meislin, Bonnie Nackley, Bob Thomson, Bill Yeast

**Absent:** Ellen Coll, Chris Koehler, Rita Schaulat

2. **Minutes.** MOTION (Judy / Tracey): That the Minutes of the Board Meeting for Unit 508 of November 15, 2017 be approved as distributed. **Carried.**

3. **President's Report.**

a. Gail reported that the results of the survey of Unit members was overwhelmingly in favor of not showing results on the Bridgemates. Therefore, the Unit will continue this practice at Unit games.

b. The Nominating Committee (Bill, Ellen, Gail) will meet in March to discuss board vacancies.

c. Dealing machines. Crossley: The Unit owns 51% of the dealing machine at Crossley. The machine will remain at Crossley Bridge Center for the time being with teachers and directors having access as needed. If the Crossley Center is sold, this will be revisited.

Pickleweed. The Unit owns 50% of the Pickleweed Duplicate Bridge Club's dealing machine, Gail will confirm with Michael Hartnett that he will prepare the cards for the Unit Sectional in April. MOTION (Judy/ Bob): That the Unit reimburse the Pickleweed DBC one half the purchase price (\$1,250) of the Pickleweed dealing machine.

4. **Financial Report.** Hilde delivered the Unit's Statement of Operations for the period 9/30/17 to 12/31/17.

5. **Education.**

a. **Larry Cohen, May 10, 2018.** Chris emailed her report: To date, 22 people are registered for the seminar. Chris is sending Bill a blurb for the newsletter. She will need volunteers on the day of the event.

b. **Possible Jerry Helms visit.** (nothing yet)

6. **Update on Sectional.** Judy reported that the Unit received the sanction from the ACBL for the Sectional. Lynn Yokel is the tournament director. We added a 0 - 5 MP free game on Saturday to encourage novices to participate.

7. **Mentoring.** Bonnie reported she has received 3 requests for mentoring to date. Flyers are in all the clubs, The structure of the reimbursement of mentor card fees was reviewed. MOTION (Melanie/ Judy): That the Unit's mentoring program be revised so

the Unit will pay 100% of the mentor's card fees for 2 sessions at each level of mentoring (for a maximum of 8 sessions per mentee). Carried.

8. **Website.** Bob reported that the Webmaster will investigate ways to identify limited games on the calendar (limits are already on the site in the games section and if one click through to a game). One day seminars, but not ongoing classes, will be included on the calendar. Bill will identify 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, and will allow us to test its efficacy before we purchase the system.
9. **Membership.** The Forum is going on line at some point (date currently unknown). We will communicate to our membership that that The Forum going online and how to find it online. Bill will include information and a link in the weekly newsletter. Efforts will be made to collect email addresses for the small number of Unit members for whom we do not have an email address. Copies may be printed for clubs. This will continue to be reviewed.
10. **Sound System.** Bill will investigate sound systems for the Unit to purchase. Melanie will send a link to system recommended by Hal Schmidt (whose system we have been borrowing).
11. **Any Other Business.** The next Board Meeting will be held on March 21, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad  
Secretary