

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes May 20, 2020

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Gail Haar on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 3:30 pm. Due to shelter in place restrictions, the meeting took place via Zoom videoconference call.

Directors Present: Tracey Bauer, Martha England, Gail Haar, Melanie Haddad, Miriam Kaegi, Judy Leedy, Bob Thomson, Don Tusel, Bill Yeast

Absent: Ann Schweichler

In attendance: Steve Levinson

2. Minutes. MOTION (Judy/ Bill): That the Minutes of the Board Meeting for Unit 508 of April 15, 2020, be approved as distributed. Carried.
3. President's Report.
 - a. Elections. Gail advised the Board that Andrea Ventris resigned from the Board. Andrea was thanked for her excellent work on the Board. Due to the current Shelter in Place restrictions, the Unit's Annual Meeting and Election Party cannot be held in June. Guidance from the ACBL and District 21 has been sought regarding the procedure for local Units to conduct elections during the shelter in place period in which gatherings of large groups of people are prohibited.
 - b. Appoint Steve Levinson to Treasurer Position. MOTION (Gail/ Bill) to appoint Steve Levinson to fill the Board position vacated by Andrea and to appoint Steve as Treasurer. Carried.
4. VP & Membership.
 - a. Sonic Email Addresses. The Board approved the expenditure of \$120/ year to continue maintaining an account with Sonic to maintain generic Unit email addresses for Board members to appear on the Unit website (so private email addresses will not be made public.)
 - b. Zoom Account. Bill reported that Zoom offers a 50% rebate to nonprofits so the Unit may obtain a Zoom account for \$62.50 per year. The Board approved this expenditure and Bill was authorized to obtain a Zoom account for the Unit.
5. Special Events.
 - a. Larry Cohen. Martha reported that Larry is sorry he is not able to present a seminar in 2020, but he hopes to be able to present a seminar in Marin in 2021. Larry is conducting seminars online. A link to his website will be added to the Learning Bridge page on the Unit's website. Martha and Steve will follow up with Strawberry Recreation Center to obtain a refund of the deposit.
6. Report on Survey Results. A summary of the survey results was distributed to the Board. Melanie reported that about 90% of respondents are playing bridge on BBO, with 74% playing in Support Your Club and Virtual Club games. There was interest in having Zoom games for Unit members as well as online instruction and webinars. A large percentage (78%) were interested in having a directory of Unit member's BBO names.

Tracey and Melanie have investigated conducting BBO games on Zoom and have connected with a club in Washington that is conducting such games. They will arrange for a few Zoom games in Marin to assess interest.

In addition, Tracey volunteered to present webinars. Her first webinar on how to use Zoom and an introduction to BBO is being held on May 20.

7. Website. Nothing to report.

8. 2020 Sectional. Nothing to report.

9. Development.

- a. BBO help. Bill will remind Unit members in the weekly e-blast that the Unit will provide individual tutoring and other help to Unit members who wish to learn how to use BBO.
- b. Mentoring. Don reported he has mentors available. Bill will remind Unit members that the Unit's mentoring program (the opportunity to play with more experienced players to improve one's bridge game) is still in operation during shelter in place.
- c. Virtual Mentoring Changes - how to pay mentor fees. After discussion, it was decided that as the Unit has no income coming in during the shelter in place (SIP) period, the Unit will cease reimbursing mentors' card fees during this period. The Unit's mentoring program will continue to connect mentors and mentees, but will not reimburse mentor card fees.

10. Unit Coordinator. Tabled.

11. Any Other Business. None.

The next board meeting will take place on June 17, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad, Secretary