

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes April 15, 2020

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Gail Haar on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at 3:30 pm. Due to shelter in place restrictions, the meeting took place via Zoom videoconference call.

Directors Present: Tracey Bauer, Gail Haar, Melanie Haddad, Judy Leedy, Ann Schweichler, Bob Thomson, Don Tusel, Andrea Ventris, Bill Yeast

Absent: Martha England, Miriam Kaegi

2. Minutes. MOTION (Judy/ Ann): That the Minutes of the Board Meeting for Unit 508 of February 19, 2020, be approved as distributed. Carried.
3. President's Report.
 - a. Annual June election party. In light of the current restrictions and uncertainty surrounding when large gatherings will be permitted, it was decided to cancel the election party in June. Achievement certificates will be mailed to the recipients.
 - b. Elections. Under the Unit's bylaws, if the annual meeting in June is not held, board members may be elected at a special meeting called at any time. The Board will discuss at its next meeting whether to hold elections in June (and if so, how) or whether to postpone elections.
4. Special Events.
 - a. Larry Cohen. It was decided to cancel the Larry Cohen seminar. Gail will advise Martha and ask her to contact Larry Cohen. Martha will explore whether Larry is interested in doing a webinar and whether he is making webinars/ instructional videos available on his site.
 - b. Martha will contact Strawberry Recreation Center to cancel the contract and obtain a refund of the deposit.
 - c. The website will be updated to reflect the cancellation of the Larry Cohen seminar.
5. 2020 Sectional. Judy noted that in 2019, the Unit made approximately \$1,400 on the sectional and though she anticipated a smaller profit this year, the Unit will not have that income in 2020 due to the cancellation of the sectional.
6. Role of the Unit during Shelter In Place. With in person bridge unlikely to take place for some time, the Board discussed how the Unit could support its members. It was felt the Unit could help and encourage Unit members to play online. Among the suggestions for engaging Unit members:

Providing information and links to online resources and information about local online bridge clubs and support your club games on BBO.

Monthly Unit game on Zoom.

Online teaching - providing resources and links to online lessons as well as webinars with local teachers and players. Bob and Tracey volunteered to conduct webinars if there is interest.

Mentoring - to help Unit members sign up for and start to play on BBO and

for people already comfortable with BBO, online mentoring to improve bridge skills.

Partnership Desk - matching Unit members with partners to play online.

Unit Directory - providing a directory on the Unit website of Unit members' BBO names to assist in finding partners for online play.

Bill, Tracey and Melanie will prepare a survey for Unit members to assess interest in playing and learning online. They will explore the possibility of a Unit game on Zoom.

7. Any Other Business. None.

The next board meeting will take place on May 20, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad, Secretary