

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes February 17, 2021

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Gail Haar on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 3:30 pm. Due to shelter in place restrictions, the meeting took place via Zoom video conference call.

Present: Tracey Bauer, Gail Haar, Melanie Haddad, Steve Levinson, Ann Schweichler, Don Tusel, Bill Yeast

Absent: Judy Leedy, Bob Thomson

1. **Minutes. MOTION** (Bill/ Tracey): That the Minutes of the Unit 508 Board of Directors Meeting of January 20, 2021, be approved as distributed. Carried.

2. **President's Report.**

Ideas for building membership, serving current members and encouraging online play.

The Board discussed ideas for engaging more Unit members in online play. Tracey and Melanie will investigate RealBridge with a view to hosting a social or Unit game, possibly in April. Don and Judy both explored using the ACBL partnership desk, which is challenging to find on the ACBL website, but not difficult to use. They felt it is more relevant to in person bridge. Players should be encouraged to try the partnership option in virtual club and ACBL games.

3. **VP & Membership.**

- a **Follow up on the list to call non-playing members.** The ACBL sent us a list of Unit members who are not playing online. Bill will share the list with Board members, who may start contacting people on the list to encourage them to play.
- b **Should old minutes be accessible for everyone.** Board minutes are stored on the Unit's GoDaddy/ WordPress website and server. It was decided that digital storage is adequate. In addition, Melanie has a box of paper minutes going back to March 2001. These will be kept in the Unit's storeroom. Bill will obtain the historical minutes from the backup DVD and add them to the others on the GoDaddy server.

4. **Unit Sectional.** Tabled.

5. **Website.** Nothing to report.

6. **Development.** Nothing to report.

7. **Unit Coordinator.** Nothing to report.

8. **Treasurer.**

- a Steve reported that he filed the Unit's state tax return. (The District files the Unit's federal return.)
- b The initial term of Ron Klinger articles is ending soon. Bill will poll members to determine whether there is interest in continuing these columns.
- c Steve upgraded security on the Unit's storage locker.

9. Social Media & D21 Report.

- a Melanie reported that at the District 21 meeting on January 30, 2021, the proposal to amend the District's bylaws to provide for two-year terms for the president and vice president was overwhelmingly defeated. She also advised that at the meeting Tracey Bauer was elected as the new president of the District 21 Board of Directors.
- b Tracey reviewed her goals for the District. She will hold quarterly Town Hall style meetings. The first will be on March 6, at 10 am.

10. Any Other Business. None.

The next board meeting will take place on March 17, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad
Secretary