

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes March 17, 2021

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Gail Haar on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 3:32 pm. Due to shelter in place restrictions, the meeting took place via Zoom video conference call.

Present: Tracey Bauer, Gail Haar, Melanie Haddad, Judy Leedy, Steve Levinson, Ann Schweichler, Bob Thomson, Bill Yeast

Absent: Don Tusel

In Attendance: Gene Simpson, Henry Kingdon, Bruce Blakely

1. **Minutes. MOTION** (Tracey/ Ann): That the Minutes of the Unit 508 Board of Directors Meeting of February 17, 2021, be approved as distributed. Carried.
2. **Guest Gene Simpson to discuss returning to in-club play.** Gene noted that many players are anxious to return to face-to-face bridge in the clubs. The ACBL provided guidelines, but it is up to each individual club whether and when to open in accordance with local regulations. When we do return to face to face bridge, Gene had the following suggestions for the Unit and the clubs:
 - a. First survey or reach out to all Unit members via email, then call those not responding to determine whether they intend to play in clubs when they open.
 - b. Coordinate with the County of Marin to determine when the County will permit large gatherings and community centers to open. He suggests that the first-week games are permitted, the Unit might run games on days the local directors do not (large masterpoint awards may entice players to play).
 - c. Only people who have been fully vaccinated should be allowed to play or direct; the temperature of all participants should be taken on entry; no food should be served; the number of people allowed in the restrooms at one time should be limited; and there should be a non-cash method to pay.
 - d. The clubs should charge a lower price to play, at least initially (first 6 months). He suggested the Unit might subsidize the directors \$50 to direct and they would be free to charge what they want (he suggested \$2, \$4, or \$6).
 - e. Start Unit games on Sundays again (and any other days there are not club games.).

The Board will form a task force to develop a plan for the return to face to face bridge. Ann will liaise with the County of Marin, the City of San Rafael, the City of Belvedere to determine when it is likely large gatherings will be permitted, the community centers will open, and what restrictions the County and cities may impose.

3. **President's Report.**

Distribution of Ace of Clubs, MiniMcKenney certificates. Gail will write a letter and mail the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney awards to the award recipients. They will be acknowledged in the blast as well. The Treasurer will reimburse postage.

4. **VP & Membership.**

2010 - 2017 Historical minutes added to our website storage. Bill located the Board's historical minutes going back to 2010. They have been loaded onto the Unit's website and server and are accessible through the Webmaster and the Membership Chair. (Recent minutes are available to all on the website.)

5. **Unit Sectional.** Nothing to report.

6. **Website.** Nothing to report.

7. **Development.** Tabled.

8. **Unit Coordinator.** Nothing to report.

9. **Treasurer.**

- a. The Ron Klinger articles have been renewed through the end of June.
- b. The PO Box has been renewed for another year.
- c. D & O insurance is provided through the ACBL. Steve will contact the ACBL to determine the terms of the coverage. ending soon.

10. **Social Media & D21 Report.**

Tracey reported that District 21 is also considering the return to face-to-face bridge and liaising with the ACBL. The District will assist Units in every way it can. Tracey's first Town Hall meeting was successful. The date of the next one will be advised.

11. **Any Other Business.** None.

The next board meeting will take place on April 21, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad
Secretary