

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes August 12, 2022

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Arti Bhargava on Friday, August 12, at 3:30 pm., at the Terra Linda Community Center, San Rafael, CA.

Present: Tracey Bauer, Arti Bhargava, Cindy Blum, Melanie Haddad, Steve Levinson, Bob Thomson

Absent: Shirley Ehrlich, Judy Leedy, Vince Mueller, Ann Schweichler

1. **Minutes. MOTION** (Tracey/ Steve): That the Minutes of the Unit 508 Board of Directors Meeting of July 12, 2022, be approved as distributed. Carried.
2. **President's Report.**
 - a. Unit Survey. The survey results were reviewed and will be revisited after Board members review survey respondents' comments.
 - b. Board member contact info on the website. Bob will investigate how to create links from the website to Board members' email addresses so their email addresses remain private.
 - c. Correspondent for D21 Diamond in the Ruff unit report. We need a correspondent to submit unit updates for the D21 newsletter, Diamond in the Ruff, every other month to replace Gail Haar. We will canvas the Board and Unit membership.
3. **Mentoring.** Cindy will create a proposal outlining how she suggests the mentoring program should operate.
4. **Unit Website.** Bob will update the names of Board members on the website and confirm all links work.
5. **Unit Sectional.** Tabled.
6. **Unit Coordinator.** Tabled.
7. **Treasurer.** Steve reported that membership fees received from the ACBL were slightly lower than in the past due to declining membership during the pandemic. However, the Unit made a small profit on the Sectional, and the Unit's financial position remains sound.
8. **Social Media.** Tracey will advertise unit games and the mentoring program when it is implemented on the Unit's Facebook page.
9. **D21 Report.** The District 21 Board next meets on September 12 after the Santa Clara Regional.
10. **Any Other Business.** Discussion on how the Unit can help to attract new players and increase attendance at in-person games. Suggestions included more promotion of lessons, including online lessons, more unit games with mini-lessons before and/ or hand reviews after the games; supervised play, and limited games at unit games. Cindy and Tracey volunteered to work on this. They will liaise with Ann regarding dates for Unit games.

The next board meeting will take place in person on Friday, September 9, 2022, at 3:30 pm following play at Terra Linda. If Board members are unable to attend in person, they may attend via conference call.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad

Secretary