

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes May 19, 2023

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Arti Bhargava on Friday, May 19, 2023, at 3:30 pm at the Terra Linda Recreation Center, San Rafael, CA.

Present: Arti Bhargava, Cindy Blum, Melanie Haddad, Judy Leedy, Steve Levinson, Bob Thomson

Absent: Tracey Bauer, Shirley Ehrlich, Ann Schweichler

1. **Minutes. MOTION** (Arti/ Judy): That the Minutes of the Unit 508 Board of Directors Meeting of April 28, 2023, be approved as distributed. Carried.

2. **2023 2024 Sectional.**

Judy is preparing detailed notes/ checklists for her successor.

The 2024 Sectional will be on April 13-14, 2024. Judy is obtaining the sanction and has reserved Redwood for those dates.

3. **Mentoring.** Cindy recommended that the mentoring program be eliminated. She suggested a better way to encourage newer players is to offer limited games and other opportunities to learn and play together.

Cindy is organizing a limited game (tentatively 299'er) for late August/ early September (to coincide with the start of Henry's next set of beginner lessons). She will look into dates, venues, and ensure Peggy is able to direct. She will also investigate whether table mentors are allowed at a sanctioned game. Cindy will present a more detailed plan to the board.

Once the details are arranged, we can send targeted invitations to the appropriate MP level through Pianola.

4. **President's Report.**

- a. Awards ceremony: The Annual Meeting and Election/ Awards Party will be held on June 25 – start time 11 am; game time 12 pm (we need to leave the room by 4pm). Arti has planning well in hand and will let us know what help she needs.

- b. Board Composition:

- i. President - Arti
- ii. VP / Membership Chair - Carolyn Farren
- iii. Secretary - Melanie
- iv. Treasurer (also schedules unit games) - Steve
- v. Communications Chair (website content management, Facebook, Diamond in the Ruff write-ups, the weekly blasts, and Pianola for our Unit Games) - Tracey
- vi. Sectional Chair - Shirley

- vii. New Members / Growth / Development Chair (name tbd - new position combining education and events to attract and encourage newer players) - Cindy with TJ
- c. To comply with the Bylaws we must specify a nomination period during which nominations for directors may be submitted. The nomination period must close at least 10 days before the election. Judy and Melanie will work on a notice for inclusion in the blast.
- d. Board members were asked to review and update the job descriptions circulated.

5. Any Other Business.

The next board meeting will take place in person on Friday, June 16, 2023, 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 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad
Secretary