

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes July 28, 2023

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Arti Bhargava on Friday, July 28, 2023, at 3:30 pm at the Terra Linda Recreation Center, San Rafael, CA.

Present: Tracey Bauer, Arti Bhargava, Cindy Blum, TJ Campbell, Shirley Ehrlich, Carolyn Farren, Melanie Haddad, Tricia Maas

Absent: Steve Levinson

1. **Minutes. MOTION** (Cindy/ Arti): That the Minutes of the Unit 508 Board of Directors Meeting of June 16, 2023, be approved as distributed. Carried.
2. **President's Report.**
 - a. Carolyn, TJ, and Tricia were welcomed to the Board.
 - b. Election of Officers: The following officers were elected:
 - i. President: Arti Bhargava
 - ii. Vice-President: Carolyn Farren
 - iii. Secretary: Melanie Haddad
 - iv. Treasurer: Steve Levinson
 - c. Committees: The following committees and chairs were approved:
 - i. Membership chair: Carolyn Farren
 - ii. Unit game coordinator: Steve Levinson
 - iii. Communications chair/co-chair (website content management, Facebook, Diamond in the Ruff write-ups, the weekly blasts, and Pianola for our Unit Games): Tracey Bauer
 - iv. Sectional chair : Shirley Ehrlich
 - v. Education / Growth chair (New/ low MP members growth) : Cindy Blum, TJ Campbell, Tricia Maas
3. **Education / Growth.**

0-300 MP mixer/ party/ game: TJ, Tricia, and Cindy will develop a plan, including venue and date for this event for the next Board meeting on August 18.

Limited games: The Board recognized that there are not many limited games available for newer players in the Unit. Although we would like to be able to run limited games, there is not enough attendance at games to be able to bifurcate into limited and open sections. The Unit will introduce a limited 299er game at Unit games if there is sufficient

attendance. We will promote the game in the blast and Pianola announcements to generate interest.

4. **Communications.**

Tracey has been making changes the format and content of the weekly blast and welcomes feedback. She asked that Unit members send her photos and content for the and Facebook. Tracey will add the 2024 Marin Sectional to the list of upcoming tournaments in the blast.

5. **2023 2024 Sectional.**

The Sectional will be on the ACBL calendar soon. Shirley will start advertising soon. She will contact local units to advise them of the date of our 2024 Sectional to avoid conflicts.

6. **Membership:**

Shirley will meet with Carolyn to hand over membership responsibilities, so Carolyn can greet new members to the Unit and offer them a free play. New member (in and out reports) and rank advancement reports will be forwarded to Tracey for inclusion in the blast.

7. **D21 Report.**

Melanie reported that at its June 28 Board meeting, D21 adopted a new policy regarding Covid vaccination requirements. Commencing with the Santa Clara Regional, proof of vaccination will not be required. However, any player, themselves wearing a mask, will retain the right to require that masks be worn at their table. Failure to comply with an appropriate masking request will result in a penalty.

The Board also voted to eliminate Unit finals for the NAP. If a player qualifies for the NAP at the club level, they may play in the District Finals. The District finals for all three flights will be held in person at the Monterey Regional in January 2024.

The District's SignUpGenius account is being made available to Units. Melanie will introduce Shirley to the coordinator, who will give Shirley access and training.

8. **Governing rules and general functioning of the Board.** Tabled.

9. **Any Other Business.**

Shared Google Drive. Melanie started a shared google drive owned by the Marin Unit Gmail account. She will set up initial folders and give Board members access to specific folders. Structure of folders and access will be reviewed.

Zero Tolerance Policy. TJ noted that a few players disregard the Unit's zero-tolerance policy. Such conduct should be reported to the director. Tracey and TJ will work

together to communicate the importance of the Unit's (and the ACBL's) zero tolerance policy to Unit members.

The next board meeting will take place in person on Friday, August 18, 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 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad

Secretary