

## ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes December 20, 2023

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Arti Bhargava on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 3:00 pm at Kelley and Farren, 1099 E Street, San Rafael, CA.

Present: Arti Bhargava, Cindy Blum, TJ Campbell, Carolyn Farren, Melanie Haddad, Steve Levinson

Absent: Shirley Ehrlich, Tricia Maas

1. Minutes: MOTION (Carolyn / Cindy): That the Minutes of the Unit 508 Board of Directors Meetings of October 20, 2023 and November 8, 2023 be approved as distributed. Carried.
2. Holiday Party Recap: The party went well and Cindy, TJ, Trish, and Kathy Sanders were congratulated and thanked. Suggestions for improvements were discussed. TJ will start a spreadsheet on the shared google drive setting out what was done this year (including costs and how much food to order) and suggestions for future parties. Steve reviewed the costs of the party. The Unit incurred a loss of \$1,023 on the party.
3. National Phone Call with ACBL: Commencing in the second quarter of 2024, the ACBL is changing how it shares membership fees with Units. Currently Units receive 11% of the membership fees its members pay to the ACBL. Under the new formula (5-5-5), Units will automatically receive 5% with the other 10% being dependent on the Units' performance in retaining lapsed members and recruiting new members. The metrics are complicated and in flux. It is likely that the Unit will receive a smaller share of membership fees than it has in the past. The Board will continue to review these changes and develop an approach for compliance with the ACBL's requirements.
4. Treasurer's Report: Steve reported that the Unit's post office box has been closed. He distributed year end financials, which show a loss of \$6,291. It is hoped that a speaker event and the Sectional will help increase the Unit's income.
5. Education:
  - a. Robert Todd Speaker Event: Robert Todd is confirmed for March 7, 2024. The Strawberry Community Center is reserved. Arti will work with Robert to set the topics of his seminar. Robert will provide a flyer.
  - b. Learn Bridge in a Day: Patty Tucker is teaching in Sacramento in February. Melanie will contact her to determine whether she is interested in giving a Learn Bridge in a Day class in Marin while she is in California.
6. Membership Report: Carolyn consolidated the notes Peggy and Henry made on the spreadsheet of lapsed members previously provided by the ACBL. This will be revisited in the new year as we develop our approach to the new 5-5-5 formula.

7. Website: The webmaster has requested that we find a website liaison so she receives updates from just one person.
8. Sectional: Shirley is in good shape with planning and has circulated the flyer.
9. President's Report:
  - a. The Board discussed protocol for communication among Board members.
  - b. Arti circulated a list of special events run by the ACBL for face to face games. The Board will review the list to determine whether any should be supported locally.
10. Any Other Business

Arti will speak to the club directors about enforcing the zero tolerance policy at their games when warranted.

The next board meeting will take place in person on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at the Terra Linda Recreation Center, San Rafael, CA. 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, Unit 508