

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes January 17, 2024

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Arti Bhargava on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 4:00 pm at the Terra Linda Recreation Center, San Rafael, CA.

Present: Arti Bhargava, Cindy Blum, Shirley Ehrlich, Carolyn Farren, Melanie Haddad, Steve Levinson, Tricia Maas, Joanne Murdock

Absent:

1. Minutes: MOTION (Arti / Trish): That the Minutes of the Unit 508 Board of Directors Meetings of December 20, 2023 be approved as distributed. Carried.
2. President's Report: TJ Campbell resigned from the Board. She was thanked for her contributions. Joanne Murdock was appointed to the Board to serve the remainder of TJ's term.
3. National Phone Call with ACBL: Carolyn and Melanie participated in another informational phone call with ACBL President Bronia Jenkins regarding the new 5-5-5 formula for payment of membership fees to Units. The changes take effect April 1, 2024. The Board will continue to review these changes and develop an approach for compliance with the ACBL's requirements in the new year.
4. Education: Robert Todd Speaker Event:
 - a. Robert Todd is confirmed for March 7, 2024. The Strawberry Community Center is reserved. Topics have been agreed with Robert and he is preparing a flyer.
 - b. The schedule for the day was discussed. Board members will arrive at 9:30 to help set up.
 - c. Coffee will be provided and a light lunch will be served during the break. Shirley and Arti will visit Strawberry Community Center and finalize logistics.
 - d. The workshop will cost \$90. Participants may pay via PayPal or by check.
 - e. We will explore having a follow up team game at the Unit Game on March 24 with a short talk on team strategy.
5. Website: Paulette Moe has agreed to serve as Website Liaison with the Unit's Webmaster. All requests for updates to the website should be directed to Paulette.
6. Sectional: Shirley finalized the flyer and is arranging for it to be widely distributed. Advance payments through the ACBL are still not possible. Shirley will work with Paulette to ensure the Sectional is included on the Unit website.
7. Zero Tolerance Policy: Zero Tolerance will be enforced at Unit games. The Board will request that the Unit's club directors enforce the policy at their games.

8. Any Other Business

- a. MOTION (Joanne/ Trish): That the Board approve a payment of \$200 to Henry Kingdon to reimburse the fees for attending the Teacher Best Practices course and becoming accredited as a Learn Bridge in a Day teacher at the Louisville NABC. Carried.
- b. Cindy and Joanne will explore ways to increase attendance at Unit games. Ideas include team games, pro ams, and unit games on Saturdays at Belvedere.

The next board meeting will take place in person on Wednesday, February 21, 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 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad

Secretary, Unit 508