

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes February 21, 2024

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Carolyn Farren on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 3:40 pm at the Terra Linda Recreation Center, San Rafael, CA.

Present: Cindy Blum, Shirley Ehrlich, Carolyn Farren, Melanie Haddad, Steve Levinson

Absent: Arti Bhargava, Tricia Maas, JoAnne Murdock

1. Minutes: MOTION (Shirley / Cindy): That the Minutes of the Unit 508 Board of Directors Meetings of January 17, 2024 be approved as distributed. Carried.
2. National Phone Call with ACBL: Tabled. To be reviewed at part of a meeting devoted to developing the Unit's strategy to the new ACBL 5-5-5 formula for payment of membership fees to Units.
3. Education: Robert Todd Speaker Event:
 - a. Steve reported that 62 people have registered for the workshop to date. Arti will follow up with the club directors to ensure they push the workshop at their games. Cindy will post a signup sheet for the workshop at Terra Linda. She will collect the information from the sheets and provide it to Steve for input onto the master spreadsheet.
 - b. Shirley reviewed logistics and her plans and proposed costs for lunch. Board members were asked to arrive by 9:30 to help set up.
 - c. Arti has confirmed with Peggy that the March 24 Unit game will be a team game. We will put flyers advertising this on each table at the Robert Todd workshop.
4. Production of the Blast: Judy would like to pass on responsibility for the Blast to someone else. Carolyn has approached a few people about taking over the job but has not yet found anyone willing to take on the responsibility. Alternatives to a weekly blast were discussed, including improving the Unit's website so it is a better source of information. The Board will meet again after the Robert Todd workshop to resolve this issue.
5. Sectional: Shirley reviewed logistics. Lunch will be available for purchase each day. It was decided to order food based on 2023 attendance. Attendees will be able to purchase lunch tickets when they check in. The March Board meeting will be dedicated to finalizing preparations for the Sectional.
6. President's Report: The Board will have a special meeting (Zoom or in person) after the Robert Todd workshop to review and develop a strategy for addressing the ACBL 5-5-5

formula for payment of membership fees to Units. The ACBL Ambassador Program will be reviewed as a possible part of this strategy.

7. Any Other Business: None

The next board meeting will take place in person on Wednesday, March 20, 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