

## ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes October 24, 2024

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Farren on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 1:30 pm at the home of Pat Irwin, San Rafael, CA.

**Present:** Shirley Ehrlich, Carolyn Farren, Melanie Haddad, Pat Irwin, Elaine Kitano, Steve Levinson

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Steve reviewed the Unit's finances and projected budget. He is monitoring when membership dues are distributed to the Unit under the new 5-5-5 regime.
2. **Blast Editor:** Mary Warner has agreed to assume the Blast Editor duties. Judy is training her, and Melanie is available to support Mary. All requests for information to be included in the Blast will be submitted to Melanie who will forward them to Mary.
3. **Goodwill Award:** The Unit nominated Judy Leedy to receive a D21 Goodwill Award Carolyn reported that the Unit's nomination letter has been submitted to the D21 Goodwill Committee.
4. **Holiday Party:** The Unit's Holiday Party and Fundraiser for Homeward Bound of Marin will take place on December 15, 2024, at the Terra Linda Recreation Center. Steve has reserved the Recreation Center and paid the deposit. Peggy will be asked if she will direct the unit game. Elaine agreed to lead the planning for the party. Pat will arrange the coffee and Steve will be in charge of drinks. The lunch will be potluck with Unit members encouraged to bring the signature dishes to share. The Unit will provide turkey and ham.
5. **2025 Sectional:** The Unit's 2025 Sectional will take place on 29-30 March 2025. Marin Catholic is the preferred venue for the Sectional. Marin Catholic will not permit bridge tables in the gym unless they all have adequate rubber leg caps. Shirley has tried to reach Calvin at D21 to confirm but has been unable to reach him. Melanie and Shirley will follow up with D21 to confirm that all the D21 tables have leg caps.
6. **Attracting new members; 5-5-5:** It was agreed that a priority for the Board will be finding ways to attract and retain new members. Many ideas were discussed, and a focused discussion, possibly including Peggy and Henry, will be scheduled for a later date. Melanie will share the lists of lapsed and at risk players with Peggy and Henry respectively.
7. **Any Other Business:** None.

The next regular Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 20th, 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 4:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad

Secretary, Unit 508