

ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes October 9, 2024

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Farren on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 3:36 pm at the Terra Linda Recreation Center, San Rafael, CA.

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

1. **Minutes:** MOTION (Carolyn / Steve): That the Minutes of the Unit 508 Board of Directors Meetings of July 17, 2024 and August 6, 2024 be approved as distributed. Carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Steve reviewed the Unit's finances. The dates on which the Unit receives membership dues from the ACBL are changing as result of the ACBL's new 5-5-5 program. Steve is monitoring and expects the Unit will receive income in October and December. The Unit is receiving reduced membership income under the 5-5-5 regime.
3. **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. No table fees will be charged. Melanie will contact Homeward Bound to ask if it will contribute \$1,200 to cover the Unit's costs. Costs will be kept to a minimum and lunch will be potluck.
4. **2025 Sectional:** The Unit's 2025 Sectional will take place on 29-30 March 2025. Shirley has reserved the Redwood High School Gym. However, she has visited Marin Catholic and its gym would be a better venue for the Sectional and they have offered favorable terms. Marin Catholic will not permit bridge tables in the gym unless they all have adequate rubber leg caps. Shirley will contact Calvin from D21 to confirm the D21 tables all have rubber leg caps. We would be required to use Marin Catholic's chairs. Shirley and several Board members will visit Marin Catholic to help evaluate the site and test the comfort of the chairs.
5. **Blast Editor:** Judy no longer wishes to act at Blast Editor. The Board will conduct outreach for a replacement. It will also consider the cadence for the Blast. It was suggested that if the Unit's website contained more information, the Blast could be sent less frequently.
6. **Future of the Board:** Cindy Blum resigned from the Board. She was thanked for her contributions to the Unit. A replacement to fill the remainder of her term will be identified. Steve and Carolyn are meeting with members of the Petaluma Board to exchange ideas and explore collaboration opportunities. The Board will hold a special meeting to allow for more detailed discussion. Date and venue will be agreed.
7. **Goodwill Award:** District 21's Goodwill Committee is soliciting nominations for the District 21 Goodwill Awards. These awards recognize individuals for their outstanding contributions and personal qualities that lead to the promotion of bridge. The awards will be presented in January at the Monterey Regional. The Board unanimously agreed to nominate Judy Leedy for the award in recognition of her many contributions to Unit 508. Melanie and Carolyn will prepare the nomination for submission to the Goodwill Committee.
8. **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 4:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad
Secretary, Unit 508