

ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

January 12, 2021, 5:30 pm

Minutes

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Bob Dean, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Doug Hong, Mike Hughes, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Anne Bossange

The meeting was called to order. The minutes from December were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged.

Old Business:

Mischel was elected to the position of Vice President of Unit 507 with the unanimous support of the board.

Committee reports:

In and Out Report- 1 reinstated member, 3 new members, 2 transferred, 1 from PA and one from Seattle. We now have 626 members.

Owner's Association /partnership Report-

Judy has not yet received the report from the ACBL so there is no information currently available about how much the clubs are earning from the BBO games.

Sanjay- Patricia Steele has not gotten back to Ray with any information about a skip trace service. Ray and Judy will discuss how to proceed.

District/ACBL reports:

Lynn Bartz and Doug Hong will be the Unit's representatives to the District Board. They will now be called Board Directors rather than Representatives. There will not be a regional tournament in Sacramento and most likely none in Santa Clara as well. There is no news on the Western Conference.

The District Bylaw changes that follow will most likely not have an impact on the Units:

It used to be that the President had a one-year term and then ran uncontested for a second term.

The proposal to the District Board is, in part, that the President will have a two-year term, and can be reelected once after the two-year term comes to an end thereby possibly serving for four years.

Already added to the bylaws is that any officer can be removed at any time by a two-thirds vote.

Tracy Bauer spoke against the motion since it could conceivably result in one person serving

eight-years in two key positions: four years as Vice-President and four years as President. That scenario would also allow for 12 years on the Executive Committee.

Doug made a motion asking the Unit Board to advise our District Board Directors, Doug and Lynn, whether or not to extend the terms of the four District Board Officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer from one year to two-year terms. Judy provided a second to the motion. The Board voted in favor of extending the terms except that Ray abstained and Mike voted against it. If passed by the District Board, the terms would be retroactive to January 2020.

The January Bulletin sets forth the new alert procedure. No tournaments will be held through the end of April. Any decision with regards to future tournaments will be reviewed and decided upon as the situation evolves.

The District Bylaws committee considered 12 sets of proposed technical amendments and ten sets of proposed substantive amendments. They approved 21 of 22 amendments. 18 went in as proposed and two were modified during the meeting. There was also a gender neutralization of the bylaws.

BBO is now charging tax on the purchase of BBO bucks. Either Ray or Bruce Blakely will get in touch with the Franchise Tax Board and request a statement that services are not taxable in California. Three people are running for two positions on the Board of Governors.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Bossange and Mich Ravera

ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

February 9, 2021, 5:30 pm

Minutes

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Bob Dean, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Mike Hughes, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Lynn Yokel, Anne Bossange

The meeting was called to order. The minutes from January were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged.

Old Business:

Ray made a motion that the Unit stop supporting Pianola. Judy seconded it. After a debate on the issue, the motion was defeated. The Board decided to continue using Pianola and pay \$15.00 of the \$30.00 monthly cost.

Committee Reports:

In and Out Report- We have 2 reinstated members which brings our total membership to 623.

Owner's Association- The Club receives about \$40.00 a month from the 99er games. The cost of storage is up \$10.00 a month.

Partnership Report- Sanjay- Since there is no word from Patricia Steele, Ray spoke to the process server. We and can hire them to do a skip trace for \$150.00 to try to find Sanjay's current location. If that succeeds, there will be another \$65.00 or \$85.00 cost to serve notice. We are about 6 months into the three-year statute. This is a decision for the Directors since the Unit has nothing at stake. Judy and Ray will discuss how to proceed.

District/ACBL reports:

District Report-

There was a contested election for the District Board President and Tracy Bauer won. We need a replacement for Doug as a Unit Director. Mich appointed Ray to take his place and Bob Dean as an alternate. When Doug returns we can reappoint him. The two-year term for District President was defeated. The District Board voted to withhold payments to charities this year.

ACBL Report-

The NAP championship will be online on BBO. The ACBL determined that the \$700.00 payment to the first-place winners and the \$300.00 payment to the second-place winners is prize money, and not a reimbursement for travel expenses. The District also determined that the \$200.00 for

third place winners will still be paid even though they are playing online and have no travel expenses.

A motion was made to change the bylaws to reduce the number of the Board of Governors from 5 to 3. It passed but requires a second reading.

New Business:

Mischel suggested an email blast announcing the winners of the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKinney races. Ray will turn the lists of winners over to Lynn B who will send the emails.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Bossange and Mich Ravera

## Minutes of ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

March 9, 2021, 5:30 pm

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Bob Dean, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Michael Hughes, Lynn Yokel

The meeting was called to order. The minutes from February were reviewed and approved without change.

The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged. Karen provided a summary. The new Pianola subscription was paid. There were \$36 in free plays.

**Old Business:** Lynn Bartz sent out an Ace of Clubs/mini-McKenney letter congratulating the latest winners. Mischel received it. Ray didn't. Ray will post them on the website.

Mischel reported sectionals were officially canceled through July 2021.

**Committee Reports:** Mischel summarized In-and-Out report. Total membership 617.

Ray reported that the process server was asked to provide a skip-trace on Sanjay in order to serve the petition to compel arbitration.

Judy had a problem unmuting herself. On her behalf, Lynn Yokel said the owners were meeting the following day to discuss reopening. After four minutes Judy was unmuted. Ray suggested Judy talk to Jack Verson. Ray asked if the existing partnership agreement would still be in effect. The question was regarded as premature.

**ACBL Board Report:** Stu said the BoD is having three days of spring NABC Zoom meetings. Tournaments are canceled through July, then reopening. Reno regional might be held. Lynn has been analyzing Sparks-Reno finances for D21. Jackie Zayac, District tournament chair, is opposed to holding it. Lynn Y. wondered if players were going to be polled. Stu pointed out that there is no room commitment in Reno. Mischel favored holding Reno due to space available. Lynn Y. said that as Director in Charge she can hold the line on directing fees. Stu mentioned Spring Nationals are coming to Reno.

Stu asked, are we going to hold a sectional in October? Mischel opposed. Mich pointed out can't commit six months in advance. Stu asked if we can find a place with two months' notice. Ray said current high school is uncertain. Judy said let's wait a month and see.

**District 21 news:** Mich received late notice of D21 townhall meeting and was unable to attend. Ray explained everyone got last minute notice.

Ray summarized emergency D21 Board meeting with ACBL In-House counsel who spoke about fiduciary duties. What was the emergency? Ray explained District needs to

classify workers as either employees or independent contractors. Possible liability to continue ignoring the law. Finance and Compensation Committees are considering who qualifies as what. D21 President has idea that all district work will be done by volunteers. Board passed four motions in 2 hour 45 minute meeting. Ray presented the four motions via PowerPoint. All payments of stipends were suspended. Part of motion was that someone will figure out how to legally pay three people currently due payments.

After Ray explained the first of four motions, the Zoom meeting was interrupted because Mich had scheduled it on an account with a 40-minute limit. Mich had sent two separate Zoom invitations to the Board. Ray said he thought the same invitation had been repeated. During a ten-minute delay, Mich and Ray learned that Mischel and Judy's neighborhood had lost power, so they couldn't return. While waiting for a quorum, Lynn B. and Stu discussed whether stipends could be recharacterized as something other than compensation.

After a ten-minute delay, Karen appeared, constituting a quorum. Judy, Mischel, and Bob did not reappear. Ray and Mich discussed that, as Mich was recording the meeting on Zoom, he could provide the recording to the missing board members.

Ray continued with his presentation of the four motions passed by the D21 Board. \$5,000 emergency budget adopted for "infrastructure needs" pending adoption of real budget. District is working towards budget with Lynn B. as head of finance committee. By another motion, Lynn B. authorized to get administrative access to QuickBooks Online. A third signatory added to D21 bank accounts, now Treasurer, President, and Vice-President, instead of Secretary and Treasurer.

17 minutes after the break, Bob returned to the meeting.

**Unit Game proposal:** Lynn Y. proposed that the Unit hire a director and hold a Swiss Team Unit game. Unit would need to promote the game. Ray pointed out it would be run under club's sanction, but proceeds to Unit. Same inflated masterpoints as every other club game. Bob asked how many unit members play online. Ray wanted to hear a description of online Swiss teams. Scoring on BBO shows how teammates do and your standing, but no meeting up with teammates unless you set up a post-game Zoom session. Sign up as partnership, then select teammates. Better if you have team already set up. Next round starts when everyone is done. Stu proposed to defer discussion till next month in light of missing board members.

No new business. The President declared the meeting adjourned until April 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

--Ray Yuenger

## Minutes of ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

April 13, 2021, 5:30 pm

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Michael Hughes  
Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Lynn Yokel

March minutes corrected by Ray to reflect true attendance. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report received and acknowledged.

**Upcoming elections.** Michael Hughes is moving out of the area. Joanne Cornbleet a potential candidate for unit board. Ray says elapsing terms are Mich, Ray, Mischel, Karen, Bob, and Anne. Bob and Anne absent, others willing to continue. Ray says bylaws provide for board between 9 and 12 members.

### **Continuing business.**

Proposal for Unit holding Swiss team unit game. Lynn Bartz enjoyed playing in virtual club game Swiss team event. Lynn Yokel explained intent is to include unit members, but could have some guests from outside unit. Club game started with eight teams, some dropped out. Need not have 3/4ths of team from unit. Guest policy applies to entire club, not single game. Mischel didn't like lack of comparison with teammates. Lynn B. said her team communicated on Zoom after playing to review hands. Could set up breakout rooms for teams. No motion to hold such an event. Plan would be that unit hires a director. Lynn Y says need unit to promote it. Item continued.

Ace of Clubs/mini-McKenney notification. Some people didn't receive it. Brenna didn't receive it. She contacted James Ward. Lynn B is too busy with D21 stuff to see who is supposedly getting Pianola email. Ray explained that Pianola discontinued an automatic undelivered email report list. Ray said he would look at database to see why emails undeliverable. Lynn B suggests asking James. Ray says he will and repeats promise to post leaders on website.

**In and Out Report.** Ray reports from phone call that Judy lost sound from meeting. Mischel reports that total membership is now 614. Lynn B reports that District membership is declining less than other districts. Stu confirms it. Judy rejoins.

**Association-Partnership Report.** Judy says premature to discuss continuing existence of Unit/owners' association partnership. Stu points out that unit has promised to pay for first month's rent. Ray says no pending rental. Judy points out that full club may not resume. Carole Dietz has dropped out as director due to health issues.

Ray reported that, regarding **petition to compel arbitration** with former landlord, after skip-trace, nominal residence was found vacant. Process servers have been unable to

locate him. Ray says the landlord was Taj Trust with Sanjay as trustee. Judy says Ray has done all he can to help club owners. Mich proposes revisiting issue in six months. Ray explains nonprosecution may lead to dismissal three years after filing.

Ray explains results of owners' association questionnaire submitted by Jack. Survey results indicated may be able to run three 12-table day games and one 7-table evening game. We used to average about 74 tables a week.

**District Director Report.** District sent out update email with click-throughs to four reports, including Stu's report and Ray's report on 99er online game. Lynn B explains district update was a test of Constant Contact, because it is being considered as a replacement for Pianola. It provides information on numbers of click-throughs and other information not available in Pianola.

Stu reported that Board of Governors has agreed to downsizing proposal that passed second reading by Board of Directors. Will reduce BoG members per district from five to three. Stu explained what becomes of first and second alternates. Ray explained that video of BoG meeting is being edited to remove member's member.

Santa Clara regional canceled. Reno remains under discussion, according to Lynn B.

**Sectional for October.** Lynn Y points out we have no sectional sanction. Stu suggests we should get sanctions for next year. Sense of Board is that too soon to plan for October sectional. Lynn Y suggests we should explore it. Discussion of weekends in October. Board authorizes Mischel to apply for sanctions. Ray says tentatively spring sectional 8-10 vs. Diablo Valley. 22-24 Marin and Reno already set. Modesto assigned to March 30 through April 3. Stu says work out Modesto conflict with sectional coordinator.

Ray mentions upcoming Board meeting. Lynn B say no agenda yet, issues, including financial policies and procedures and budget all in flux. Board is beset by politics.

Mich asks Lynn B to ask for Board's advice once issues are finalized. Lynn agrees. Lynn B says a lot of concrete items are coming up. Tax return is on agenda.

**New business.** Wendy Dewell's daughter Beth and Bill Langlois recently asked how unit or owners could use Wendy Dewell memorial funding. Bill is looking through her bridge library. Judy says we don't have room at club for libraries. Stu suggests ACBL has several 501(c)(3) arms allowing tax deductible organizations, not including U507. Lynn B suggests donations to District 21 or SiVY. Lynn Y suggests the club.

Adjourned with new meeting on May 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

--Ray Yuenger



## Minutes of ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

May 11, 2021, 5:30 pm

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Ray Yuenger, Bob Dean, Doug Hong, Lynn Yokel (guest), Michael Hughes (late)

Mich announced that Mischel and Karen were not attending. Anne's whereabouts are unknown. Ray is again serving as temporary secretary.

The meeting was called to order.

Stu noted that he had not received the **April minutes**. Ray and Mich each thought the other was distributing them. Ray shared the minutes on the screen. They were approved by unanimous consent.

Ray asked to correct the date on the March minutes and the date was corrected by unanimous consent.

**Financial report** was distributed. Ray questioned how unit is paying for free plays. Judy explained they were from before club closed last March.

**Elections.** Bob indicated he is willing to continue on the Board. Anne's interest is yet unknown. Mich, Ray, Mischel, Karen, already announced interest in continuing. A question was raised about replacing Mike Hughes if he moves away. Ray pointed out that the Board, not the President, fills a vacancy on the Board.

Renewed mention of holding **Swiss online Unit game**. No motion made.

Ray finally posted the Ace of Clubs and mini-McKenney winners on **the website**.

**Sectional.** Mischel has the fall sanction for the third weekend in October. Ray will speak with school administration. Stu mentioned there are health restrictions limiting sectionals, 11 foot table centers, proof of vaccine, masks. This will limit sectional setup. 55% capacity if usual setup expanded. Ray reported that according to Facilitron website, prices are the same, the dates are not available yet, and covid protocols are currently in place.

**Membership report.** Membership has dropped to 598. The Chen family is relocating. Stu pointed out that under 600 means the unit has one less vote on the District Board.

Mich noted the passing of Mindy Foos with sadness. Ray mentioned there were options to light a candle or plant a tree on the obituary notice. Mischel, as membership chair, should send ACBL obituary. Ray emailed her a reminder.

**Owner association report.** Does unit have recommendations to owners regarding owners? Lynn Y reported Jack Verson's efforts in finding site for club reopening and taking the risk of being the tenant and licensing game slots to directors.

**District report.** Ray reported on the special District Board meeting on May 1. Ray spoke at the meeting about the fiduciary duties of directors. The President did a presentation on grass roots funds events and how clubs and units can raise money for stipends for District GNT winners. For more money players can earn more masterpoints. The ACBL ordinarily keeps 20% of funds from a District. Lynn B clarified that the ACBL formula is based on level of participation. D21 is third lowest across ACBL. A district can get more money back for higher participation. President Tracey said this program is supposed to be self-sustaining. Stu questioned that assertion. Lynn said \$8,800 is what District gives to players for stipends. Get \$2,500 back from ACBL. With enough participation a District can get back more than 100% of what it puts in.

The District Board was sent 72 pages of documents on five days' notice before the special meeting. The Board approved a 22-page Financial Policies and Procedures document drafted by Lynn. And the Board approved the 2020 financial report drafted by Lynn. Lynn also presented the 2021 quarterly report. Tom Pajak presented the District's 2020 tax return, which the board approved for the first time in Ray's memory. Tom is assuming the duty of completing 990Ns on behalf of units, a job Stu used to do.

A proposal to open a Vanguard brokerage account for District investing was tabled till next meeting. Lynn said the Compensation and Finance Committees were holding open houses for Board members that week to ask detailed questions that would otherwise be asked at the Board meeting about the Vanguard proposal and the proposed budget. Stu, our District Director, pointed out he didn't receive an invitation to this evening's meeting.

Lynn noted that the D21 Treasurer resigned the night before the May 1 meeting.

Ray continued saying that the Board went into executive session and decided to retain a governance attorney (whom Ray had located) for up to 15 hours at \$400 an hour. Lynn reported that the attorney's references had checked out, but the District could not afford to pay the retainer until a CD matured at the end of month.

Compensation committee report was postponed until the next meeting. Ray said Lynn has been working tremendously hard as chair of the Finance Committee.

Ray pointed out that the next District Board meeting was scheduled for June 5, before the Unit Board will meet again.

Lynn mentioned that Pam Hughes, the tournament manager, is relocating, but will remain into 2022. A tournament committee has been meeting with her to learn how she does her job. An employment contract has been offered to her.

The Santa Clara regional was canceled. The Reno regional is in October. Stu mentioned the fall national in Austin Texas is going forward. Lynn Y says the ACBL is estimating 70% turnout, but no one knows. Lynn B pointed out the District has no hotel commitment to Reno. With projected lower turnout, the District may lose money even if table fees increased from \$12 to \$15. Lynn Y suggests Reno could be the trial balloon for the Monterey regional. Holding Reno is on the agenda for the District Board meeting in June.

Lynn B said notice of the regular meeting will go out 14 days in advance.

**No new business proposals.** Mich reported that the Board's suggestions were relayed to Wendy Dewell's daughter. Stu welcomed Doug back to board. Doug said he hopes to rehabilitate in two to four months.

The meeting was adjourned until June 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Yuenger

ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

June 8, 2021, 5:30 pm

Minutes

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Bob Dean, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Doug Hong, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Lynn Yokel, Anne Bossange

The meeting was called to order. The minutes from May were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged.

Old Business:

There will be no online Swiss team games for now.

The Ace of Clubs and Mini- McKenney recognitions are both posted on the website.

Sectional Sanctions and location- Mischel has the sanction. Ray does not yet have the information regarding the location.

Committee reports:

Reopening committee-- Two sites were visited. One site decided that they did not want to lease to a bridge club. The other site, a church in Campbell, needs a decision as to what the terms of the lease would be. Issues with regards to air conditioning and parking were also raised. Lynn Y. said the lack of air conditioning was a concern and the directors are looking at other places keeping the church in mind. There is another room at the church that has air conditioning but is probably too small. Jack has located two more possible sites. Lynn Y. sent an email asking the directors to have a look at those places since she's out of town.

In and Out Report- 3 new members, 5 reinstated, 3 transferred in, 5 transferred out, which brings our total membership to 593.

Owner's Association/Partnership Report- Judy, Ray, Lynn Y. and Gabi went to an ACBL meeting that was focused on helping Club managers to reopen. Judy reported that \$1,580,000 was sent to the clubs during Support Your Club actions. The numbers were down in April to \$28,000 for the month and have continued to drop. One-quarter of all the clubs have reopened and the number is doubling every month. Lynn Y. reported that the ACBL is offering about 15 weeks of special games to encourage players to return to face-to-face games. Also, the master points that are awarded in the virtual games will soon no longer be more than those awarded in a club game. Vaccinations and masks are required for tournaments for now, but the mask requirement may change.

The storage fee is increasing to \$200.00 a month from \$150.00.

Sanjay case- Will be reviewed in October.

District/ACBL reports:

District- Lynn B. reported on a major shakeup of officers at the district level. To see the new officers, go to the [www.d21acbl.com](http://www.d21acbl.com) and select Personnel. There will be a meeting on June 29, 2021, to have elections to make the interim positions permanent.

There was an executive committee meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The discussion was mostly about the Reno Regional and whether to have it. The committee recommend that the regional go forward and also recommended a fee increase from \$12.00 to \$14.00. Lynn Y. said they are moving forward with planning for Reno Regional, but it won't be approved until the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Meanwhile they are trying to figure out what the flyer will look like so it's ready for the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lynn B has drafted a flyer and will send it to Lynn Y.

ACBL- At the Board of Directors meeting the management presented much of the same information about the clubs reopening as was set forth above. Jackie Zayac had a meeting with the host committee about the Reno NABC which is next March and the fall National that is in Austin.

New Business: Our domain name, svbridge.org, is set up to auto renew soon. The cost is \$12.00 a year. Ray made a motion to not renew the name and Stu made a motion to keep it. Judy provided a second to Ray's motion. The motion to cancel the domain name succeeded.

Anne agreed to continue as Secretary.

Annual Membership Meeting- We are required to send a notice of any membership meeting. Ray moved that we postpone scheduling our annual meeting until our next board meeting. Mischel provided a second and it was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Bossange and Mich Ravera

ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

July 13, 2021, 5:30 pm

Minutes

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Stu Goodgold, Doug Hong, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Lynn Yokel, Anne Bossange

The meeting was called to order. The minutes from June were reviewed and approved with one correction. The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged.

Old Business:

The acting and current officers were elected to continue in their current positions until June 30, 2022.

Committee reports:

Reopening committee- Norman Marks sent Mich an email stating that the Unit board and the club members need to help in finding a new venue for our club. Mich will ask Norman if he's interested in joining the board.

In and Out Report- 1 new member, 1 reinstated, 1 transferred out, which brings our total membership to 588.

Owners Association/Partnership Report-

Club Managers Report- The master points for BBO have been reduced to 1.25 times normal instead of 1.5 and they may be reduced further.

District/ACBL reports:

The Austin Regional is scheduled for the fall and the Reno NABC in the spring.

The June 29 District meeting- The highlights are summarized in the DIR. The elected officers are: Lynn B is treasurer, Ray is secretary, Anne Hollingsworth is vice president, Sigrid Price is president. They voted to hold the Reno Regional and passed the first ever budget for the district.

New Business: Sectional Sanctions- Mischel has the sanction for October. Ray, Lynn Y. and Mischel found a room at the United Church of Christ in Campbell for a sectional that can fit 30 tables. There is a concern about parking on Sunday. The cost for the church is \$100.00 a day. The ACBL is working on pre-registration for tournaments. Stu made a motion that we hold our sectional on October 23 and 24 2021 at the United Church of Christ in Campbell, CA. Ray provided a second and it passed with all agreeing. Stu moved that we raise the cost for all sectionals to \$14.00. Karen provided the second. The motion passed with unanimous consent. Mich appointed Ray and Mischel to be on a health committee. Lynn Bartz agreed to do the flyer for the sectional.

NAP Unit level Qualifier- We need to schedule a unit level qualifier. It's usually held in the September, October, November time frame. The room in the Campbell church would be a good place to hold it. Lynn Y. suggested we check with NAP district coordinator and see what dates are

available. Ray moved that we hold a 2-session unit NAP qualifier on October 30 beginning at noon. Mischel provided the second. It passed unanimously.

Ray moved that the unit board pay 50% of the storage fees. Anne provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Bossange and Mich Ravera

## Minutes of ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

August 10, 2021, 5:30 pm

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Ray Yuenger, Bob Dean, Doug Hong, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas; (guests) Norman Marks, Jack Verson, Lynn Yokel.

Norman was invited to become a Board member and was appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy by unanimous consent.

The **minutes** of the July meeting were approved without modification.

The **Treasurer's report** was received. There was discussion about the Unit paying part of the storage fees beginning in July and the Directors paying part of Pianola.

Mischel has secured a church as location for the **fall sectional**. Ray will contact the ACBL insurance broker. Lynn Bartz has no proposed schedule to include in the flyer. Lynn Yokel, who was driving, said it could be worked out by email. Mischel was concerned about charging \$14 without offering snacks. Lynn Y. said some snacks might be safe. Lynn Y. proposed holding a Swiss instead of A/X and B/C/D round robin. Or we could do bracketed Swiss across the field. Or we could advertise A/X, B/C/D and then switch depending on the turnout.

Stu explained the ACBL's policy on sectionals. All were canceled for August. The ACBL will try to decide a month in advance.

Norman suggested that the flyer should include a proviso that the sectional will comply with all local health guidelines. Mischel said we may have to provide bottled water to comply with regulations. Stu has the big ice cooler if needed.

The unit also has a sanction for the **spring sectional**.

Ray was asked to give a report from the **reopening committee**. He said he wasn't aware he was on such a committee. He said Lynn Y. has more information on the topic. Lynn reported a possible site in Cambrian Plaza, which is changing management prior to demolition in two or three years. The directors aren't interested in opening in the next month.

Norman proposed **surveying** the members to see if they will play with masks or vaccinations. Mich pointed out that Jack conducted a survey three months ago. Jack agreed his survey results are outdated. Jack personally would not attend if a mask was required. Jack said 80% in prior survey required proof of vaccination. Stu said the ACBL is considering getting a private company to establish proof of vaccination. Mischel said the Henderson club has attendance of four masked tables.



Jack agreed to conduct another survey as proposed by Norman and wanted another email list. Ray sent Jack the Pianola list during the meeting. The results will be reported at the next meeting.

According to the **membership report**, the new membership total is 584. People are not renewing memberships.

Ray reported that **District 21** has ordered name tags for its four officers. There are ongoing meetings regarding retaining a governance attorney and what advice was provided to the resigned president. The next Board meeting has not been scheduled.

Stu reported that the **ACBL** Board of Directors had a three-day meeting in July. They voted not to reimburse Directors for attending the Board of Governors meetings. The Strategy Committee is discussing changing and enforcing the guest policy for playing in VACBs. Also concurrent F2F and online games by the same club. Management is opposed to the guest policy, with some restrictions on superclubs. Stu explained what the guest policy is, limiting virtual games primarily to members of the “home” club. There was also discussion of the ACBL running limited masterpoint games in the evenings. Different views were offered by Board members about maintaining or eliminating the guest policy. Lynn Y noted that more people online are seeking bigger games than playing in small local game. Stu thanked us for our comments.

There was discussion about how much the masterpoint multiplier for online club games motivates players.

Stu said there have been some big changes to the **Code of Disciplinary Regulations**.

**New business.** A NAP qualifier is being held in the club this evening.

Norman proposed that Mich and other board members communicate with our members on a monthly basis. Mich agreed. Ray suggested reviving the DiRekTor newsletter. Others were not interested in reviving the newsletter. Ray explained that District 21 has moved to quarterly publications of its newsletter, and then tried a new-style newsletter. Lynn Y will try to set out monthly communications via Pianola if Norman reminds her. The publication date will be August 29. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was scheduled for September 14.

Submitted,

Ray Yuenger

Acting Secretary

ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

September 14, 2021, 5:30 pm

Minutes

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Anne Bossange, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Doug Hong, Karen O'Connell, Ray Yuenger, guest Lynn Yokel

The meeting was called to order at about 5:40. The minutes from August were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged.

Old Business:

Is the Sectional a Go or No Go?

Stu reported that the ACBL reviewed requests for 21 sectionals for October. Nine were not approved, eight are near being approved and four were approved. Our Sectional was approved.

Lynn Y reported that the Sacramental Tournament was a success in general. There were 10 tables on Friday for Swiss, 21 tables on Saturday morning, 13 ½ on Saturday afternoon. Sunday 14 tables in the morning and 10 ½ Sunday afternoon. They made \$1500 -\$2000, there were no complaints and players said they had a good time. Masks were required the whole time. They provided individually wrapped snacks and served coffee and tea. Having people carry their bidding boxes from table to table did not work out well. Their flyer requested that the players provide proof of vaccine in advance of the game. There was no preregistration. The goal is to be entirely cashless. The expenses for our Sectional will be about \$1,000.00. There was a discussion about whether we would require masks if the county protocol changed. Lynn Y suggested that the flyer say that we will follow current county protocols.

Norman moved that we hold the sectional as scheduled. Anne provided a second. Mich called for discussion.

Doug said that he has all the tables, bidding boxes, BridgeMates, the dealing machine, and the boards that we need, and his tables are smaller than those that we have in storage, but he cannot transport them. These would not be rented from the District. Doug said that the only charge by him would be if he had to hire someone to move the tables. There was more discussion about transportation issues and Lynn Y said we could get tables at not a great cost. The church has chairs.

Mich clarified that "as scheduled" in the previous motion meant on October 23 and 24 the motion. The motion as clarified carried with one person dissenting.

There was a discussion about which events to hold. Lynn Y. suggested that we offer a two-session open pairs game, two single-session side pairs games and, two single-session 499er pairs games on Saturday and ABC Swiss on Sunday. Stu moved that we adopt the event schedule that Lynn Y

recommended. Norman provided the second. The motion passed unanimously. Lynn Y and the tournament committee will come up with the stratifications. Ray moved that we hold the Saturday games at 10:30 and 3:30 and the Sunday games at 10:30 and TBA. Bob provided the second. It passed unanimously.

Norman volunteered to be our COVID protocol monitor.

#### Unit NAP Qualifier-

Ray stated that he thinks the District NAP chair will make a proposal this Saturday that the district allow people to play at the district qualifier online without having qualified in their units. This will allow the units that have events scheduled to hold them if they want but allows the players, if uncomfortable playing face to face, to show up for an online District Qualifier. Any units that haven't had their qualifier yet may want to reconsider and let their people play in the District Qualifier online. If this passes on Saturday, they will apply for a district qualifier online.

Stu thinks that there would be an argument against this proposal since it's easier to cheat online.

Stu proposed that we hold our NAP qualifier in conjunction with Palo Alto. Bob moved to hold it in conjunction with Palo Alto on November 7. There was no second. Ray moved to hold the U507 NAP qualifier in conjunction with Palo Alto on the date they choose to hold their qualifier. The motion passed with unanimous approval without being seconded.

#### Committee reports:

In/Out Report- The numbers were provided to the board members prior to the meeting.

Reopening Committee - Jack Verson proposed a separate meeting for the topic. Norman suggested that we fully form the reopening committee. Mich previously appointed Ray as the Reopening committee Chair.

#### District/ACBL reports:

If people want to lobby for face-to-face district NAP finals now is the time to let Ray know. Mich suggested it's easier to monitor face to face for compliance with rules of the game. Stu said the money awarded to the winners is only to cover travel expenses. If there are no travel expenses, then no stipend. Lynn Bartz had to leave at 6:45 pm to pick up her father at the hospital.

Stu had nothing pressing to report.

In advance of the meeting, Norman submitted an email motion as follows:

"Resolved: The Board, by the hand of its President and/or designee, will communicate on at least a monthly basis with its members. Content will include news and other information of relevance and interest such as information about upcoming games, the death of members, and more. A key section for the

next period will be progress and plans on reopening and any requests for assistance from the members."

Ray seconded the motion. There was no vote. Mich agreed to provide such information to our members as stated above.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM. The next meeting is scheduled till October 12.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Bossange, Ray Yuenger and Mich Ravera

## ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

October 12, 2021, 5:30 pm

### Minutes

In Attendance: Mich Ravera, Lynn Bartz, Anne Bossange, Bob Dean, Judy Fisher, Stu Goodgold, Doug Hong, Norman Marks, Karen O'Connell, Ray Yuenger, guest Lynn Yokel

The minutes from September were reviewed and after the addition of two attendees and the removal of one sentence they were approved. The Treasurer's report was received and acknowledged.

#### Consent Items for October and Continuing Business

Mich read Mischel's email which said Ray will rent a van, pick up supplies at Doug's, deliver them on Saturday morning at 9:30 and pick them up on Sunday at 6:00 or 6:30, or as Lynn Y requests. Kathy Jasper will bring gallon water bottles, paper cups and individually wrapped candy. Mischel will have more water on hand for Sunday. Kathy Jasper will help her on Sunday. Lynn Y suggested that 9:30 is too late to deliver the tables and Ray agreed to deliver them by 9:00. Lynn Y wants the tables to be set up by 9:30 and suggested that an email be sent asking for volunteers to help with the set up. Lynn Bartz and Judy offered to help Norman with registration. Stu brought up the issue of the ACBL signs. Karen said that Mischel thinks they may be in storage. Ray has a key to the storage unit and has been planning to visit. Stu suggested that we have volunteers in the parking lot to help direct the players. Lynn Y suggested we have individually wrapped Madeleines and/or brownies in addition to the candy. Anne offered to bring some snacks and let Mischel know. The price for renting the room at the church has doubled and is now \$200.00 a day. Norman reported that 45 people have sent their proof of vaccinations.

#### Items for Communique:

Membership meeting- Mich suggested we hold the annual meeting on Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and there were no objections.

Stu reported there would be a decision about the Austin NABC on Friday.

#### Committee reports:

Reopening Committee- Ray reported they held a face-to-face meeting on Sunday and are trying to identify the preconditions that need to be met if we are to open and if the board agrees to them. The committee is in agreement on 85-90 percent of the preconditions. What needs more work is what they call in Palo Alto a license agreement which is the manual for how the club operates. The committee members are trying to adjust the Palo Alto license to fit our needs. There is some uncertainty as to whether a commercial landlord will consider the Unit to be a viable tenant. If not, Jack Verson proposed creating an entity that may work. The committee is working on the premise that the Unit will be a viable tenant. Norman reported that previous concerns with regards to the Unit's tax-exempt status are no longer a concern. They're looking at potentially opening in

January but want to begin looking for a property to lease earlier. Judy reported that the San Jose Bridge Association has a small balance. Ray said that we may need a special board meeting to focus on reopening issues. Mich has a volunteer, Stacy Chen, to look at the lease for us if needed.

In/Out Report- There were three new members, one reinstated, and three transferred out. The total is 574.

District/ACBL reports-

Ray reported that there was a board meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> and as anticipated one of the topics was the district NAP qualifiers and the corresponding Unit qualifiers. There were two motions on the topic. Half or less than half of the Units were holding Unit Qualifiers which would leave some players disenfranchised or harder to qualify. One vote was to bypass the Unit Qualifiers saying they can be held but are not qualifying games anymore.

The second issue discussed was when and where the District Qualifier would be held.

Eventually a majority of the board decided to hold them online. The latest plan is for there to be two weekends in November for NAP qualifying online: Flight A will be November 13 and 14 a two-day event, Flight B will be on November 20 a two-session event, and Flight C on November 21 a two-session event.

The schedule for Monterey Regional was discussed with events to be held at 10 and 3 beginning January 3, 2022, with few or no games in the evening since expectations are for a reduced turnout. A flier was to have been posted on the district website and the ACBL website. The District Newsletter will be out next week and a new version of the Diamond in the Ruff will be out soon.

We have a new goodwill chair, and the committee is in flux. We will be soliciting nominees later. The Youth bridge program was expanded by the board. They used to finance programs going to youth nationals during the summer. They can now attend local regionals, no longer limited to summer nationals, and the youth organizations in the district can apply for grants directly.

Stu reported that the policy that visitors or guests can make up only 15% of online play at virtual clubs has not been enforced and some large clubs have been violating this policy. So, on October 1<sup>st</sup> the policy was enforced resulting in a large fallout. The board is considering a modification of the visitor's policy. Mich mentioned that the lack of enforcement had ruined other online clubs.

There was a discussion as to whether the Austin NABC will be impacted by the restrictions promulgated by the Governor of Texas.

New Business:

Norm suggested that we have a communications director and suggested Lynn Bartz for the position. Lynn accepted on the condition that her communications get one level of approval before they're distributed. Mich asked for consent, and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Bossange and Mich Ravera

## Minutes of ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Meeting

November 9, 2021, 5:30 pm

In attendance: Mich Ravera, Ray Yuenger, Stu Goodgold, Mischel Postas, Karen O'Connell, Judy Fisher, Norman Marks, Lynn Bartz, Doug Hong

Ray volunteered to take minutes.

The **minutes** of the October meeting were approved with one correction to clarify that the upcoming District newsletter is the Diamond in the Ruff.

Anne Bossange and Bob Dean resigned as Board members. Anne has another commitment. Bob wants to help the unit in other ways. Ray volunteered to serve as **Secretary** and the Board appointed Ray to be Secretary.

The **financial reports** were received and explained. The ACBL honored \$40 of Bridge Bucks. The Board agreed that Ray would provide a proposed overview of the finances of our recent sectional in response to an inquiry by Art Mirin on behalf of the Livermore unit. The overview was modified after discussion.

There was discussion about the Unit Bylaws providing for from nine to 12 Board members. Some candidates to fill the **vacancies** were discussed.

Board members indicated availability for a **special meeting** in a week. Norman invited members to review the written proposals in advance.

There was general agreement that our **recent sectional** was about as successful as it could have been under the circumstances. The cleaning deposit was returned through Mischel.

Norman mentioned more people sent in proofs of vaccinations than attended. Mich thanked Norman and Ray for their efforts. Stu mentioned we should be planning our next sectional and that the parking was not an issue this last time.

Items were proposed for the President's **monthly commique**.

Ray pointed out that the people who provided proofs of vaccinations were not asked to consent to the distribution of this information to District 21 for other events.

Mischel recited the results of the monthly **In and Out report**. Total membership is now 573. There was some discussion of new restrictions by the ACBL on switching units.



Stu reported that the ACBL Board of Directors has recently changed the **Visitors' Policy** for online clubs. A partner of a club member can play without being a visitor. Tracking required a modification of BBO software.

Ray reported that the District has scheduled a **special District Board meeting** for November 18. One topic will be a budget. Several bylaws changes are proposed, including having all meetings online and creating a new Executive Committee that will be empowered to act for the Board in between Board meetings. The Committee will be the four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and a new Executive Committee officer.

The bridge rate is still available for the Monterey regional.

There was no new business.

As chair of the **Reopening Committee**, Ray had sent out two documents for Board review. One listed seven pre-conditions before the Unit would become the club manager, with the objectives of both preserving the Unit's accounts and allowing for face-to-face bridge. The other document is a draft license agreement between the Unit and directors based on the Palo Alto agreement but quite modified. Ray asked the Board to review the documents in advance of next week's meeting. Norman provided an overview of the license agreement. The unit will be overseeing the directors.

There is a question whether money in the account of the directors' association will be available to finance the new club. It remains to be determined.

There was discussion of the condition requiring a minimum attendance at the Palo Alto club.

The proposed agreement neither requires nor prohibits teaching at the club.

The meeting was **adjourned**.

--Ray Yuenger, Secretary

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Minutes of ACBL Unit 507 Zoom Board Special Meeting

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December 14 Board meeting

In attendance: Mich Ravera, Norman Marks, Stu Goodgold, Karen O'Connell, Judy Fisher, Mischel Postas, Lynn Bartz, Doug Hong, RayYuenger

No Unit members appeared in response to invitations to attend the **annual virtual membership meeting**.

The **minutes** of the regular meeting on November 9 and the special meeting on November 16 were approved as submitted.

The **treasurer's report** was received.

There was discussion of possible new Board members, recognizing that we have the minimum number required by the Bylaws.

It was acknowledged that on the 16th, the Board approved a list of ten preconditions for reopening the San Jose Bridge Center, one precondition being a draft license agreement for directors at the new club.

The Board ratified its email vote to name a Reno NABC event after Wendy Dewell.

Mich had not sent a **communication to the unit members** since the last meeting. Topics for his next communication were discussed. Norman mentioned Lynn Yokel had talked about scheduling a face-to-face unit game in January. No site has been arranged. The Board authorized Lynn to run a Unit game.

Ray described a meeting of the **reopening committee**. The committee discussed the precondition of reopening after January 15, which now seemed unrealistic. Statewide masking has subsequently been reinstated. There was discussion of the attendance at the Palo Alto Bridge games being about 6 to 7 tables.

The **total membership** is 568 per the In and Out report.

Judy had no news from the club owners.

Stu reported on the **ACBL Board meeting**. Joann Glasson was elected the president for 2022. She will be attending the Monterey regional. Look for Stu's written report in the Diamond in the Ruff District 21 newsletter. There are concerns about having robot partners in virtual clubs. Robots are ranked as flight A. Management is looking into equity of chits provided for daytime players and snacks provided for evening players. The gift amount was increased for I/N players. An experimental "rainbow" STAC offering different pigmented points will be held. A new convention card was approved. A copy can be found on the BridgeWinners.com website.

Ray reported on a **special D21 Board meeting** on November 18. Watch for Ray's article summarizing that meeting in the Diamond in the Ruff newsletter. The Board approved a budget for the Monterey Regional. The Board approved a travel policy. The Board approved a Bylaws change creating an Executive Committee with the authority to act for the Board in between meetings. The previous committee only had advisory authority. The Committee is composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and a new officer, the Executive Committee Officer. There will be elections for each office at a Board meeting on January 15. The intent is to handle emergency issues that can't wait till a Board meeting. The Board will be able to reverse ExCom decisions.

One issue for the D21 Board will be whether to remain in the **Western Conference** with only one other District 22, with 17 dropping out.

In the absence of new business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11. Norman will be unable to attend.

Submitted,

Ray Yuenger

Secretary