

## Minutes of Regular Zoom Meeting of ACBL Unit 507 Board

January 14, 2025 5:30 PM

**In attendance** at the virtual meeting were President Mich Ravera, Vice-President Stu Goodgold, Secretary Ray Yuenger, Treasurer Karen O'Connell, Board members Mischel Postas, Michael Fleisher, Lynn Bartz, Norman Marks, Milind Girkar, and Betsy Wagner, with guest Lynn Yokel.

**The minutes** of the last meeting were approved as circulated with one change, a note that Norman was unable to attend from Singapore.

The **financial report** was presented. Stu said that the yearly financial report should be formally accepted by the Board and he so moved. It was accepted without objection. Karen and Norman answered a question by Stu about expected income from the 5-5-5 program. Lynn Bartz said she'd bring bidding boxes if needed. Lynn Yokel said we have enough for 17 tables.

Regarding the **wintertime party**, Stu noted there were few signups for desserts and we will need plates and plasticware. Mischel said we have enough plasticware and plates. There was discussion about how to decorate the gym for the party. We aren't providing coffee. Lynn Yokel said we could use the coffee provided by the Wednesday game. Ray was going to get the sanction. The director will be paid \$250.

Regarding the **sectional committee**, Mischel pointed out that our spring sectional in the Bridge Bulletin lists Palo Alto and not Silicon Valley. Ray said he'd check what had been authorized. Stu said we should get a sanction for the **fall sectional**. Ray said we haven't identified a weekend for the sectional yet. Mich said we should figure out dates for the **spring sectional**. Milind looked up free dates in October 2025. October 17 to 19 and 3 to 5 as a backup were selected as weekends to try for. Lynn Bartz said the October regional is destined for Fresno, not Reno. [*Note, this has since been changed.*] Ray said he would check with U503 for availability. Looking ahead to 2026 spring, April 10 to 12 were selected. April 24 to 26 were selected as the backup plan.

Mischel reported that the **total Unit membership** is 498.

Ray said there will be another **Bylaws Committee** meeting after he prepares the minutes of the last meeting.

Regarding the **Monterey regional**, D21 Treasurer Lynn Bartz said it was very successful.

Stu said the **national Board** is amending its Bylaws.

Ray mentioned that there will **elections for District 21's** five offices at its next meeting in early February. Ray as Secretary and Lynn B as Treasurer are running again. Jim Coke is going to run for President. Sigrid Price was going to run for Executive Committee Officer again and President Anne Hollingsworth was going to run for Vice-President. [*Note, this plan changed later.*] Ray explained D21's weighted voting scheme and the tradition of the Vice-President being the only contested office.

Mich asked for suggestions for his **monthly column**.

No potential **membership chair** has been identified. Norman says we should keep trying. Stu pointed out that it doesn't have to be a board member.

Norman elaborated on his email about the **5-5-5 program**. Norman said it is difficult to get information out of the ACBL. We can do better with recruiting. He proposed a member survey. Mich mentions that he contacts temporary members about joining. Norman proposed a partner locator page for our website. There was discussion of Palo Alto's new find-a-partner program, which is geared to newer players.

Mischel mentioned that Joanne Simpson has been running and promoting a game at the **Cambrian Community Center**. Karen said she plays there on occasion. Lynn Bartz mentioned that she is holding classes on Monday evenings.

As **new business**, Norman had spoken with Marc Cervellino, who said U503 is losing money. He proposed U507 collaborating with them. Lynn and Ray pointed out that U503 is relatively wealthy.

Regarding the next **annual meeting**, Mischel proposed having it somewhere other than the Church gym. There was a proposal to hold the meeting on July 19 or June 28 as the backup date. Mischel will check with the Campbell Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned after 80 minutes with the next meeting scheduled for February 11, 2025.

Submitted by

Ray Yuenger