

ACBL Unit 509 Santa Rosa / Petaluma
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
January 18, 2023

Call To Order and Roll Call

President Harley Conner called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. via Zoom. Other board members in attendance were Cathy Netz, Dave Pankratz, Neill Ray, Maxine Reagh, Roy Redlich, and Patty Shribbs which comprised a quorum. Kathy Venton and Jackie Ortiz were also present. Maxine acted as Secretary.

Approval Of Minutes

A motion was passed to approve the October 12 (Board Meeting) and December 11 (Annual Meeting) minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Maxine Reagh reported the treasury activity since the Annual Meeting and the current account balances. She also presented a 2023 proposed budget of program (Tournaments, Education, and Community Welfare) receipts and expenditures. She has received the majority for the year of the dues sharing from District 21 and this amount is reflected in the account balances as of today. Included in the proposal were estimated costs for starting a unit run game in Santa Rosa.

Comments from members will be reflected in a revised budget to be approved at the next meeting.

District Representative Report

Jackie reported that District 21 will have their first meeting later this month. The Monterey Regional earlier this month made \$36,000 as attendance greatly exceeded expectations. She expects the table fee will be increased to \$15.

Committee Reports

Tournaments – Harley Conner

Harley Conner reviewed his Spring 2023 Sectional attendance and financial projection. Breakeven is 68% of Spring 2022 Sectional attendance and we will make \$2,100 if we can equal that level.

Responding to a question concerning the disparity between Spring and Fall Sectional attendance, Harley explained that Fall attendance has historically lagged behind. Maxine Reagh reminded everyone that last fall a new strain of Covid made people wary of being in a large group which impacted attendance.

A discussion followed as to how to bolster attendance at our sectionals. Maxine and Harley are planning to use personal phone calls and emails to members at

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targeted Masterpoint. There is no cost associated with E-blasts to our membership when using the unit roster rather than the Pianola service.

Membership – Harley Conner

Harley reported he will get Jim's files from Jim's widow, Judy, later this month. Membership continues to decline by two to three members a month.

Education – Kathy Venton

We had two mentorships last year; one online and one face-to-face. The supervised play initiative is stalled at this time.

Hospitality – Maxine Reagh

Maxine Reagh reported that the Holiday Party was a success with 17 tables of bridge following a delicious lunch catered by Lombardi's. She reviewed the receipts and expenditures which resulted in the unit subsidizing \$110 of the event cost that was not covered by the lunch/table fees.

Old Business

There was no old business brought from the floor.

New Business

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

- President – Neill Ray
- Vice President – Dave Pankratz
- Treasurer – Maxine Reagh
- Secretary – Roy Redlich

Appointment of Committee Chairpersons

The following committee chairpersons were appointed:

- Tournaments – Maxine Reagh and Harley Conner
- Membership – Harley Conner
- Education – Kathy Venton
- Hospitality – Maxine Reagh and Jackie Ortiz

Unit Purposes

President Conner reviewed his December email noticing this meeting included documents covering Unit Purposes and Free Play Coupons and Reimbursed Table Fees. He encouraged new members to review these documents if they are not familiar with the topics and contact him with any questions.

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Unit Games

Kathy Venton reviewed a calendar of Unit Games for 2023, proposing one in most months. Unit Game dates and corresponding events are:

February 19

March 26

April 30 (Masterpoint competitions awards ceremony)

May 21

June 25

July 23

August 27

October 22

November 12 and

December 10 (Annual Meeting/Holiday Party)

Pre-Covid we typically had a lecture before three or four of the games that year. A discussion followed as to how this part of our education program will function this year. Kathy will attempt to arrange for a presentation before each game. Lecturers will be compensated \$100 for a 30 to 60 minutes presentation. Roy Redlich offered to give a talk for free. Dave Pankratz and Neill Ray also offered to give a lesson. Tony Jackson will present at the February 19 game.

It was noted that board members could not be paid for services to the unit, but Free Plays Coupons will be used to show our appreciation. Evelyn Holtz was also suggested as speaker. Kathy will work on a schedule of speakers and keep the board informed.

Upon suggestion from Patty Shribbs, Kathy Venton will consider having an occasional team game, perhaps bracketed and a Pro-Am game.

Potential Unit Run Game in Santa Rosa

Maxine Reagh reported on her explorations. She feels it is likely that we will be able to have a game on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Person Senior Center (PSC) at the Finley Center. This venue has not been secured as Maxine is waiting to talk with the person who makes the final decision for PSC. Maxine will keep the board informed as this and several other details (limited game Masterpoint cap, who will direct, *etc.*) are worked out.

Neill Ray offered to direct the first game for free.

Next Meeting

President Ray stated the next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. We will meet in April, sometime in mid-summer and in

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October. The Annual Meeting/Holiday Party will be December 10, 2023. Dates will be finalized at the next meeting.

Adjournment

With a passed motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Reagh, Acting Secretary