

**ACBL Unit 509 Santa Rosa/Petaluma**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 22, 2023**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Neill Ray called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. via Zoom. In attendance were Cathy Netz, Harley Conner, Maxine Reagh, Patty Shribbs, and Roy Redlich. This constituted a quorum of Board Members. Jackie Ortiz and Kathy Venton were also present.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion passed to approve the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Maxine Reagh provided a written report of treasury activity and current account balances.

**Committee Reports**

**Tournaments – Harley Conner**

Harley Conner provided a written analysis of the Spring Sectional. A total of 544 sessions were played by the 215 attendees. Remarkably 60% of the attendees at the Sectional were from outside of the Unit, a couple from out-of-state, and one player was from outside the country. The Spring Sectional netted a financial gain which covers the loss from the previous Fall Sectional. Board members received positive feedback from participants about the Sectional which included a lunch on Sunday provided by Jackie Ortiz. The Board passed a motion to give Jackie \$200 for each subsequent tournament during which she provides lunch. The money will partially offset her food costs. Patty Shribbs noted that the lunch break on Saturday could be as short as 45 minutes and the next tournament flier should state this.

**Membership – Harley Conner**

Harley Conner reported that membership declined by five members per month over the past two months. Current membership is 237. Harley has the certificates ready for the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards presentations in April.

**Education – Kathy Venton**

Kathy Venton reported that instructors have been found for all Unit Games this year except for August 27<sup>th</sup>, which is waiting on an out-of-town speaker. There are three active mentors. On March 26<sup>th</sup> a special Unit Game will be provided with a 1500 masterpoints limit. The other Unit Games this year will all be open events.

**Hospitality – Maxine Reagh**

Maxine Reagh said there was nothing to report at this time.

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## **Unfinished Business**

**Potential Unit-run Santa Rosa Game** – Maxine Reagh reported that she was able to negotiate a three-month extendable contract with the Santa Rosa City Parks and Recreation Department for Unit 509 to hold a game at the Person Senior Wing of the Finley Center on Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:30. The contract specifies an eight table maximum but this may be increased in the future. She has secured ACBL sanctions for both an open and limited game. The plan is to hold a game limited to 1500 masterpoints on the first, third, and (if occurring) fifth Wednesday of the month. Open games will be scheduled on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Maxine will assume the role of Club Manager. The Board passed a motion to purchase a set of BridgeMate scoring devices for \$1,900. Thirty-two new decks of cards will be acquired to use for the games. Kathy Venton will make the boards for a nominal charge of \$15. Players will be charged a \$10 fee to play each game. The City will collect the money and pay the Unit \$192 per game. Maxine will identify one or more directors interested in directing the game for the standard fee of \$120. Maxine plans to have players pre-register for the games via email. The newsletter and Unit website will announce that the first game is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **New Business**

### **Equipment Inventory**

Roy Redlich suggested that a record be kept of Unit equipment. Maxine provided a written inventory listing the equipment, price paid, date acquired, and location of each item.

### **Vaccination Policy**

In a recent change the ACBL no longer requires players to provide proof of Covid-19 vaccination at sectional or regional tournaments. Local sponsors of these tournaments can set their own policies which must be clearly stated on their tournament fliers. The Board decided to table this issue until we see what position District 21 takes.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Neill Ray will host the meeting on Zoom.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Roy Redlich, Secretary