

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

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Neill Ray called the meeting to order at 4:31 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 Cecelia Zachar were also present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion passed to approve the May 17th meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Maxine Reagh worked with Harley Conner to produce a cumulative budget report broken down by purpose-based programs. It was mentioned that the City of Santa Rosa, as the owner of the Person Center (Finley facility) has a primary goal of providing activities that serve the needs of the city's senior residents. In this regard the bridge game there has been a success for both the Unit and the City. The Unit's contract with the City of Santa Rosa has been renewed through February 2024. If the success of the Finley game continues at the current pace it is expected that the initial expenses for establishing the game will be recouped by the end of April 2024. After that time the Finley games could provide a steady revenue stream for the Unit. The Board passed a motion approving the report.

District Representative Report

Jackie Ortiz reported that attendance at Regional Tournaments is expected to be less than in the past, however the recent tournament held in Sacramento generated some income for the District. The District has changed its Covid Policy to align with the ACBL. Proof of vaccination will not be verified at Regional Tournaments. Masks are not required unless players request that masks be worn at their table.

Committee Reports

Tournaments – Harley Conner

The Unit's Fall Sectional Tournament (September 9th & 10th) is in the works: the flyer has been distributed; space has been rented; purchase of supplies has been planned; caddies and a Director have been arranged. Harley has secured the dates for ACBL-sanctioned Unit 509 Sectionals through fall 2026.

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Membership – Harley Conner

Harley Conner reported current membership is at 235, down from 238 at last report. Harley provided written discussion points of the free play coupons which comprise 28% of the annual recurring budget expenses. The Board passed a motion to approve the following policies regarding free play coupons.

- The Unit will continue to recognize each individual category winner of **The Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs** and **Mini-McKenney** Masterpoint Races with the award of two free play coupons.
- The Unit will not award free play coupons to the individual category winners of the **Ace of Virtual Clubs** Masterpoint Race.
- The Membership Chair will notify by email all Masterpoint Race winners of competitions in 2019, 2020, and 2021, that outstanding coupons will expire at the end of 2023.
- Starting January 1, 2024, a club owner/manager presented with a free play coupon for redemption will strictly enforce the expiration date assigned to the coupon.

Hospitality – Maxine Reagh

For the Unit's December 10th Holiday Party Maxine received a quote of \$17 per person for a lunch from Lombardi's to include barbequed chicken, grilled vegetables, potato salad, and Caesar salad. Portabella mushrooms would also be provided for vegetarians. Members would be asked to help provide cookies for dessert. The suggested fee for the members to attend is \$30 per person to offset the cost of lunch, card fees, and other expenses. Board members expressed appreciation of this menu plan. Maxine will distribute a flyer in October.

Education

No report was available at this time.

Finley 509 Report – Maxine Reagh

Maxine Reagh reported the Finley games were operating smoothly. The facility is now allowing Unit 509 to store the side tables on site. As noted in the Treasurer's report the Finley game has been well attended with an average of approximately eight tables per game. The open games have had slightly more attendance compared to the limited games. The Board discussed the possibility of changing or eliminating the matchpoint limit, but decided to leave things as they are and to continue to gather data which can inform future decision making.

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Unfinished Business

Board Member Candidates – The Board decided not to try to fill the current vacancy until the annual election of Board members at the year’s end.

New Business

AED Equipment

The Unit’s AED equipment was posted for sale on the Facebook Marketplace, but there were no buyers. Jackie Ortiz said that she would ask at the District level if a club would be interested in purchasing the equipment.

Name Badges – Roy Redlich reported that a local vendor is available to make name badges at the cost of approximately \$10 each in addition to an initial setup fee of \$40 to \$60. Roy will contact Cecelia about putting a notice in the Unit’s newsletter to gauge the level of members’ interest in the possibility of having name badges available for purchase.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th at 4:30 p.m. Neill Ray will host the meeting on Zoom.

Adjournment

A motion was passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Redlich, Secretary