

**ACBL Unit 509 Santa Rosa / Petaluma**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 23, 2024**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Neill Ray called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. In attendance were Cathy Netz, Jane Drever, Maxine Reagh, and Roy Redlich. This constituted a quorum of Board Members.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion passed to approve the minutes of the December 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Members.

**Treasurer's Report**

Maxine Reagh reported treasury activity and current account balances. In addition she provided a proposed budget for calendar year 2024 which includes expected income and expenditures.

**Committee Reports**

**Tournaments – Maxine Reagh**

The Unit's Spring Sectional Tournament is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and we are hoping to have a good turnout for this event. The Board discussed mask requirements and passed a motion to adopt the same policy for our local Unit games as the ACBL has for sectional and regional tournaments. Players are not required to wear masks unless someone at a table requests that they do so. The Board also discussed monetary compensation for caddies at our sectional tournaments. In addition to proceeds from the tip jar, caddies receive pay for their service. Maxine agreed to monitor compensation for caddies at the next sectional and see if it is necessary to augment the amount collected in the tip jar. The Board passed a motion to increase the amount of reimbursement given to Jackie Ortiz from \$200 to \$250 for her provision of lunch on the Sunday of sectional tournaments.

**Membership – Harley Conner**

In Harley's absence, Neill Ray explained that the ACBL is changing its funding ratio for local units to encourage membership growth. Previously units would receive funds representing 11% of the annual membership dues collected. Effective July 2024 the new ratios would provide a funding ratio of either 5%, 10%, or 15% contingent on the activities units take to maintain and expand local membership rolls. Neill will send Board Members more detailed information about ACBL's so-called "5-5-5 Program."

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### **Education**

No report was available at this time.

### **Hospitality – Maxine Reagh**

Maxine reported that Unit's December 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party was successful with 17 tables of bridge players. Board members expressed appreciation for the food and the overall success of the event.

### **Finley 509 Report – Maxine Reagh**

Maxine Reagh reported that games at the Finley Center are going well. The club's contract with the City of Santa Rosa expires in February and it is expected that the contract will be renewed. The Finley club generally fills six and a half to ten tables per game. It is expected that the upcoming Pro-Am game will be well attended with 10 tables.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Roles of Board Members**

For the 2024 calendar year the Board passed a motion to keep Board members in their current roles of President, Treasurer, and Secretary and to maintain Committee assignments except that Jane Drever agreed to work with Kathy Venton on the Education Committee.

## **New Business**

### **New Player Incentives**

The ACBL provides a free 120-day membership for new members. New players also have reduced tournament fees. The Board discussed ways the Unit might attract new members including youth.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. Neill Ray will host the meeting on Zoom.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy Redlich, Secretary