

ACBL Unit 509 Santa Rosa / Petaluma
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
August 20, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Neill Ray called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. In attendance were Cathy Netz, Harley Conner, Jane Drever, Maxine Reagh, Patty Shribbs, and Roy Redlich. This constituted a quorum of Board Members. Also attending was Kathy Venton.

Approval of Minutes

A motion passed to approve minutes from the Board Meeting of May 14, 2024.

Treasurer's Report

Maxine Reagh reported on balances for the Unit's checking and savings accounts. Harley Conner provided a written statement of expenditures and revenues for the seven months ending July 31, 2024. Harley summarized by saying "overall, expenditures are within budget; revenues are ahead of budget due to the success of the Spring Sectional."

Committee Reports

Tournaments – Maxine Reagh and Harley Conner

Maxine reported preparations are underway for the fall Sectional next month. The facility rental has been paid and caddies have been arranged. Harley reported that the tournament is projected to clear approximately \$700 if attendance is the same as last year's fall Sectional.

On Sunday a "Vintage Market" is scheduled to be held in part of the parking lot. It is expected that the remaining available parking will be adequate for bridge players that day. To reduce noise interference the church service held on Sundays will not be in a room adjacent to the tournament.

Instead of providing bottled water Maxine will bring water dispensers. This is in response to a request that more be done to encourage recycling and eliminate waste at the tournament. Maxine will determine if a compost bin is available at the facility. Also, signs will be placed above the recycle bins with examples of the items that should be placed in each bin.

Membership – Harley Conner

Harley provided a written report of the Unit's membership for the seven months ending July 31, 2024. Membership has been holding steady at 233/234. Harley reported 80 Free Play Coupons have been budgeted for his year and 69 have been issued. To date 20 have not yet been redeemed.

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Education – Jane Drever and Kathy Venton

Kathy reported that two new members are getting integrated into the club. At the last Board meeting it was decided to provide incentives for more experienced players to partner with newcomers. This policy appears to have had some success. Harley pointed out that he receives information from the ACBL regarding new members in our unit and he passes that information onto club managers (Kathy and Maxine) so they may reach out and invite them to play a club game.

Hospitality – Maxine Reagh

Maxine reported that plans are underway for the Unit's annual holiday party on Saturday, December 14th. A lunch catered by Lombardi's has been secured for this date.

Finley 509 Report – Maxine Reagh

Maxine reported the contract with the City of Santa Rosa has been extended to February 28, 2025. Attendance has been steady, averaging nine tables per game. New playing cards were recently purchased. It is estimated that the initial expenses for the Finley club will be recouped around the end of November.

New Business

Miro Health App

Neill reported on a study of early cognitive decline that is looking for paid volunteers. Participants download an app on their smart phone or tablet and self-administer cognitive assessments. The study can provide financial incentives to participating individuals as well as to the local ACBL Unit. The Food and Drug Administration has designated the Miro Health app an innovative breakthrough device. Neill will develop a written statement on this program for inclusion in the next Unit 509 newsletter. Jane will provide Neill with some information on the Miro Health App that was distributed through the Sonoma Unit.

Unit 509 Website

Roy pointed out the listing of Board Members needs to be updated. The Board also discussed whether written handouts from lessons should be posted on the website. The Board agreed that it was up to individual teachers to determine whether or not to submit their lesson materials (via PDF format to Kathy Juarez) for website posting.

Board Composition

Jane suggested we take actions to recruit new Board Members for any vacancies occurring next year.

Next Meeting

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Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th at 5:00. Neill Ray will host the meeting on Zoom.

Adjournment

A motion was passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Redlich, Secretary