

March 16, 2020 Board Meeting

Minutes of Unit 509 Board Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Tony Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Bridge Gallery. Board members in attendance were Tony Jackson, Jan Conklin, Maxine Reagh, Brian Sullivan, and Harley Conner, which constitutes a quorum. Also present were Kathy Venton and Nancy Gunn.

Approval of Minutes

Maxine Reagh moved approval of the January 20, 2020 minutes. Brian Sullivan seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Maxine Reagh distributed copies and presented the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report is posted at the Gallery on the bulletin board and is available upon request.

Committee Reports

Tournaments – Harley Conner

Attendance at the Spring Sectional was down from the previous year- 30% fewer tables on Saturday and 15% fewer on Sunday – but by other measures the tournament was a huge success considering how close we came to having to cancel the event. The majority of expenses to host a sectional tournament are fixed and attendance is a significant driver of financial success. Even with reduced participation, the tournament generated a modest profit of \$435. Normally we do much better and profits from sectional tournaments significantly contribute towards funding our annual budget and maintaining a fiscally responsible cash balance.

Harley acknowledged the contributions of two individuals whose efforts and sacrifice kept the tournament financially out of the red. Tournament Director Lynn Yokel conducted another smoothly run event and independently initiated measures to limit tournament charges from ACBL. Evelyn Holtz graciously accepted a reduced role as Associate Tournament Director, working only one of four sessions.

The Board voted to give Evelyn \$150 to help offset her lost compensation and thank her for her inconvenience. The resulting tournament profit was \$285.

Education – Brian Sullivan

Brian stated he had nothing to report.

Membership – Tony Jackson

There will not be an award ceremony at the Unit game on April 5th. At the unit game in May, instead of a ceremony, the names of the winners will be read and there will be a cake to celebrate.

Hospitality – Donna Edwards

Donna was unable to attend the meeting but sent an email that she has signed a contract with Fox Tail in Rohnert Park for the 2020 holiday party.

Old (Unfinished) Business

Emergency preparedness – Harley Conner

There is a yellow sign above the inside of the door to the Gallery which gives the address to assist emergency responders. Kathy has a video

on use of the AED which she will send to all the directors to watch.

Pianola email usage – Harley Conner

Harley stated he took advantage of the free trial Pianola offered. He has not received pricing yet so does not know what the pricing will be going forward. He plans to use it for the fall tournament and will see if it's worth it after that.

New Business

Additional Sunday unit games – Nancy Gunn

Nancy stated she wants to have a Sunday game on May 24 (0-300 MP's) and would like to do two additional games, one in August and one for October 25th. The Board approved the additional unit games. Cecelia can put the information into the newsletter.

Tournament location discussion – Tony Jackson

Maxine reported we have been paying Odd Fellows \$1,100 but they are raising the rate to \$3,300. They have a new board and new administration. Petaluma is more than the \$1,100 we have been paying but less than \$3,300. Harley moved that we hold the next two sectionals in Petaluma. Maxine Reagh seconded the motion.

- **Events to offer on Sunday**

The Board agreed to keep the same events offered at the Spring sectional for the Fall sectional.

- **Fees**

The Board discussed raising the fees for the Fall sectional due to the increased cost of the venue. Jan Conklin moved making the fee \$15 and Maxine Reagh seconded the motion. Non members would be \$19.

- **Flyer**

The fall flyer still shows Odd Fellows. Harley will update the flyer and submit it to ACBL plus prepare one for March 2021.

- **Email to membership regarding location**

Tony will write something up and share it with the Board for feedback. Cecelia can put the information regarding the new location in her monthly newsletter.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 18, at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Conklin, Secretary