

**ACBL Unit 509 Santa Rosa / Petaluma**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 22, 2025**

**Call To Order and Roll Call**

President Neill Ray called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. via Zoom. Director Harley Conner acted as secretary of the meeting. Other board members in attendance were Cathy Netz, Neill Ray, Maxine Reagh, Roy Redlich, and Pat Shribbs which comprised a quorum. Also attending was Conrad Larkin. Jackie Ortiz joined later.

**Approval Of Minutes**

A motion passed to approve October 15 and December 12 meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Maxine Reagh reported the treasury activity since the last meeting and the current account balances. We have comfortable balances in both accounts at year-end. Thanks to Harley for providing the detailed report for the year ending December 31, 2024. Finley 509 is our biggest revenue source. The 2025 budget was approved with expenditures exceeding receipts by \$780. This deficit represents only 8% of cash balances at the beginning of the year.

**Committee Reports**

**Tournaments – Harley Conner and Maxine Reagh**

Maxine Reagh reported the Spring Sectional is coming up on March 1 and 2.

**Membership – Harley Conner**

Harley Conner reported that our membership increased by eight (3%) members since January 1, 2024, and stands at 237 at year-end. We issued 84 free play coupons last year: 23 (27%) were unredeemed and expired at year-end. The majority (74%) of unredeemed coupons were by members who transferred into the unit during the year.

**Education – Jane Drever**

Jane Drever reported that Kathy Juarez currently teaches four online classes; one – Absolute Beginner Bridge – will end on March 11, 2025.

**Hospitality – Maxine Reagh**

Maxine Reagh reported that we had 20 tables for the Holiday Party Unit Championship game. After the event, Nancy Gunn made suggestions for changes to the holiday party in an email to board members. After discussion it was decided to continue the holiday party as currently structured. Harley will notify Nancy of our decision.

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## **Finley 509 –Maxine Reagh and Harley Conner**

Harley Conner reported that to date, the Unit has invested \$3,700 primarily in equipment acquisitions to get the club established and sustain operations. We have been able to recoup this investment after eighteen months of operations in part through the generosity of Maxine Reagh, Club Manager, who is loaning additional equipment to the club and has personally funded the cost of snacks, related supplies, and periodic prizes for players since inception (May 2023) through the end of 2024. Starting in 2025, the club will be responsible for these costs which average \$25 per class.

For the year just ended, Finley 509 conducted 50 games with 463 tables (9.3 average) and 1,852 playing sessions. This contributed \$1,060 (net of equipment acquisitions and administrative expenses for the period) to the unit's treasury. The net cash contribution to the unit's treasury since the inception of the club is \$281. Even though the unit does not directly benefit from game attendance, average tables are a significant indicator of members' interest in and satisfaction with the game.

The current contract with the City of Santa Rosa Parks and Recreation Department expires February 26. In anticipation of an extension, Maxine has prepared a memorandum to be presented to her contacts at the Finley Community Center requesting an increase in the payrate for each game.

Maxine Reagh reported that Lynn Blumenthal suggested we add another open game to the schedule. After discussion it was decided to maintain the current practice of alternating open and limited games within the month and revisit the issue in six months. Maxine will respond to Lynn.

## **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business discussed.

## **New Business**

### **Election of Officers**

The following officers were elected:

- President – Neill Ray
- Vice President – Harley Conner
- Treasurer – Maxine Reagh
- Secretary – Cathy Netz

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### **Appointment of Committee Chairpersons**

President Ray appointed the following committee chairpersons:

Tournaments – Harley Conner and Maxine Reagh

Membership – Harley Conner

Education – Kathy Venton and Jane Drever

Hospitality – Maxine Reagh

Finley 509 – Maxine Reagh

### **Unit Games**

The dates for the unit games were announced.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 26 at 5 p.m. via Zoom. Neill Ray will notice the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

With a passed motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harley Conner, Acting Secretary