

ACBL Unit 506

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2024

1. Call to Order

Lauren Friedman, Unit President, called to order a meeting of the Unit 506 Board, at 1:35 pm. The meeting was held at the home of Board member, Gail Gabiati, in San Francisco, Ca. The following persons were present: Tom Stillman, Lauren Friedman, Gail Gabiati, Kevin Liberg, David Gendreau, Kris Wong, Shazia Makhdumi and new Board member, Janice O'Brien. Robert Schwab participated by telephone. Steven Smolen was excused.

2. Treasurer's report

Kris Wong reported that we currently have \$2196 in the checking account. This is after the Sectional rent of \$4275 has been paid. We have 2 CDs, one with a \$9000 principal maturing in February and a second with a \$10,000 principal maturing in December. We will have made \$900 a year in CD interest.

D21 is not reimbursing for the lessons we offer at the Unit games anymore, but we have been fortunate that many of our presenters have declined the \$100 fee we pay them, just accepting reimbursement for their printing costs.

There is a downward trend in revenue from the District for our membership. Here are the reimbursement figures from the last 4 years:

- 2020-\$2610
- 2021-\$2442
- 2022-\$2103
- 2023-\$2080
- 2024-we can not count on much revenue from this.

After discussion about the appropriate table fee for students, it was decided to continue our practice of charging \$7.00 for students. The Board also decided to eliminate the word student and simply say person 25 and under, following the District 21 practice.

3. Sectional Planning

Approximate costs:

- Calvin for chair and table rental-\$300

- Janitor tips- \$75.
- 1 caddy for Sunday-\$220
- Food and supplies-\$550.00
- Rent-\$4275 (already paid)

4. Masking Policy

- We will always have masks at the games.
- If one player requests her opponents to wear a mask, masks must be worn by everyone at the table. If a player refuses, that pair gets a zero for those boards, and the masked pair gets an average plus.
- In accordance with ACBL guidelines, no player may refuse to play with any other opponents for any reason.

5. Attendance at Unit games/New ideas

After discussion concerning the need to attract new and/or less experienced members to our games, the following was decided:

- Strataflight the teams for our November team game. Any team with a member who has over 3,000 master points would play in a separate game with like teams. All other teams would play in a second game that is still stratified.
- Have an IMPs pairs game on May 18, our regularly scheduled Unit game. This scoring is more appealing to beginners because it is goal focused and you don't have to worry so much about that extra trick. Will Watson will direct.
- Have more Friday unit games at Brotherhood Way. In the few days after the meeting adjourned, it was decided via email to try and hold a second Unit game in May, an 8 is Enough team game on Friday, May 3, at Sunset Bridge Club. Tom Stillman will direct.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14.