

ACBL Unit 506

Meeting Minutes

Aug 3, 2025

1. Call to Order

Lauren Friedman, Unit President, called to order a meeting of the Unit 506 Board, at 2:03 p.m. The meeting was held at the home of Board member, Gail Gabiati, in San Francisco, Ca. The following Board members were present: Tom Stillman, Lauren Friedman, Gail Gabiati, Kevin Liberg, Kris Wong, Janice O'Brien, Christian Goetze and prospective member Ray Ochoa. Robert Schwab and David Gendreau attended via Zoom.

2. Board Members

Gail Gabiati made a motion that the Board accept the resignation of Shazia Makhdumi and the appointment of Ray Ochoa to the Board effective immediately. Lauren seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's report

Kris Wong reported that we have a bit less than \$30,000 in our accounts. This is divided fairly evenly amongst our checking account and two certificates of deposit. Marilu Donnici donated \$100 towards the purchase of our new bridge scoring devices.

Because of increasing costs at our monthly Unit games, we are losing a small amount of money each month.

4. Unit Games Fees

The rent at St Mary's has increased \$80 per month. It was decided that it is preferable to reduce costs rather than raise our table fees at this time. If the rent is increased even more, we will re-visit the subject of table fees.

Lauren moved that the Unit no longer offer the \$100 honorarium to the lecturers at the games beginning with January, 2026. Tom seconded. The motion passed, 8-2. We will still reimburse the lecturer for their copying costs.

5. Sectional Fees

Gail made a motion that starting in 2026, our Sectional tournament table fee will be \$18. It was noted that Palo Alto Unit already charges this amount. Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed, 9-1.

Lauren moved that in recognition of the hard work performed by all Board members, that each Board member receive one free play per Sectional, to be used at any session. Kris seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 'ayes', 3 'nays', and 1 member abstaining.

6. September Sectional Planning

The start time is 10 am. Janice, Lauren, David and Bob will arrive at 9am for set up. David will be in charge of coffee on both days. Gail will be out of town and Janice will shop and provide snacks. She will ask Diane Hidy to help and hopefully find one or 2 other helpers. Any helper not on the Board who does a substantial amount of work, will receive one free play each day that they assist Janice. After Sunday's sessions, Kevin, Christian, Janice and Bob will break down. Bob's grandson, Jasper, will be the caddy. He will be paid San Francisco's minimum wage, which comes to \$150 for the day.

7. Mask Policy

The ACBL has changed their mask policy. While a player may request that everyone at the table wear a mask, any player has a right to refuse that request. If the mask seeking player refuses to play, their score will be adjusted negatively for those boards. We must comply with this policy for our Sectionals, but at the Unit games our policy remains in affect: if one player asks for everyone at the table to don masks, all must do so. A player who refuses will have his score adjusted downwards for those boards.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40.

Update: One hour after the meeting was adjourned, Lauren sent an email to all Board members with a motion authorizing the purchase of audio visual equipment (not to exceed \$150) to aid the lecturers at the unit games. Kevin seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.