

ACBL Unit 506

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2022

1. Call to Order

Lauren Friedman, Unit President, called to order a meeting of the Unit 506 Board, via Zoom, at 6:00 pm. The following persons were present: Tom Stillman, Lauren Friedman, Gail Gabiati, Robert Schwab, Kevin Liberg, David Gendreau, Steve Smolen, Kris Wong and our Unit game co-ordinator, Andy Strauss. Shazia Makhdumi and Peter Krag did not attend.

2. Election of Officers

Tom Stillman resigned as President of the Board but will still remain as a Board member. Lauren agreed to be the new President and Andy will take over her previous job as Unit game co-ordinator, effective May 1. Peter Krag was nominated and elected as a new Board member, effective June 10. The votes were unanimous.

3. Sectional Report

Due to a local covid surge, we had fewer tables than expected but the event was well run and enjoyed by those who participated. Kris Wong, Treasurer, reported that we had 43% of attendance compared to our last Sectional in 2019. By offering generous snacks rather than lunch, we lowered the cost of the food and the effort required to serve it. We lowered expenses as well by reducing the number of directors and caddies. The rental at St Mary's was more affordable than our previous site at the Pomeroy Center, but we still lost over \$2000. The cash less table fee option was used by 95% of tournament participants and was very successful. We benefit from the fact that District 21 is covering the service fee from the credit card payments.

No one was particularly pleased with the St Mary's venue but it was decided to run the January sectional, hoping for stronger attendance, and to look for another venue in the coming weeks. If one can not be secured, we will hold the tournament at St Mary's.

4. Contribution to CBE

A resolution was put forth to cover the cost of a dinner (\$350.) for the youth bridge from CBE attending the July nationals in Providence. David Gendreau made the motion, seconded by Kevin Liberg, motion passed with one abstention.

5. Attendance at unit games

There was disappointment that the table count at our unit games remains low. Discussion ensued about how to improve it. Suggestions made were: personal outreach to unit 506 members, holding one game as a Pro/Am event or a team game in 8 is enough format. After discussion, it

was decided to do additional market research to see if there is interest in the latter 2 game ideas. Lauren will send out a questionnaire to Unit 506 players.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08.