

Meeting Minutes for Unit 502 Mar 15, 2026

Meeting began at 11:30 AM

Attending: Grant Vance, Cole Powell, Fred Schwartz, Jessica Lai, Bonnie Macbride, Lee Holm, Nancy Morton

Potential new members:

Jo and Rob contacted Cal students (and other potential members located North of Oakland) to offer resources. Looking to the future: possible 99 or 499 games to accommodate new members' needs.

Bonnie Walsh at Berkeley City Club to be approached to invite to join Unit 502 in the future.

Tunnel tournament Sun 3/29:

Help needed to lay out food, cleanup, monitor equitable distribution of food. Dori may not be available (as of today mar 16, she is ready to help).

Use Ann's catering.

Put out word to increase enrollment (10 pairs already signed up – need more to reach 24 maximum pairs)

No Easter game April 5

BER Unit 497

Discussion: Now defunct. 2 remaining board members (Mark Kornman and Joyce Burke) are ready to support merger of Unit 497 with Unit 502. ACBL to implement procedure of contact to include invitation, written list of assets. Unit 502 bylaws to be implemented for everyone with no change of name (still called East Bay Unit 502). ACBL to transfer members (about 100), and we should send Pianola to all members to notify change. Invitation interested members to join the new board after merger. Unit 502 has room for new board members (maximum of 13). Looking to future: new sectional with target of 499 and 750 players. Vote to proceed with merger of Unit 497 and Unit 502. All Approved, including 2 proxy votes by Rob Johnson and Brad Carson.

Discussion: Night game/party. History of evening game not successful. Concerns about Thursday conflicting with participants of Friday game. Also for participants expressing need for daylight hours for safety. Brainstorm trial runs: summer night game that starts at 6:30. Sat afternoon game in winter. 1x/month. Start survey to gather more information. Continue discussion after Unit 497 and Unit 502 merged.

Discussion: Structure of Unit 502 Sectional games. Trend now for 0-750 pairs, instead of 499er pairs and for 2-session instead of single-session. See East Bay Spring Sectional Draft for Sat June 13. 7 members approved, including proxy vote by Brad Carson; Nancy Morton abstained.

Discussion: Raise lunch budget from \$100 to \$120. Raise director fee from \$100 to \$120. Rationale: increasing participation needs larger lunch budget. Director fees in other locations reveal Unit 502 is low. Vote to raise Unit Game lunch budget and director fee from \$100 to \$120. 6 members Approved; Fred Schwartz abstained

Bonnie volunteered to oversee lunch for April 19.

Request for any volunteers to write column: Diamond in the Ruff (Tom Pajak was former columnist). Nancy expressed some interest.

Next board meeting: May 17. Main topic = sectional.

Meeting ended 12:15 PM