

The next meeting will be February 25, 2007 at 11:30am

**January 14, 2007  
Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Mike Harding, Lee Pesavento, Sara Sclarencio, Brian Eisenberg, Mary Krouse, Jeremy Huie, Kimberly Yatim, Dennis Dunn, Angie Murray, Keith Gunn, Dick D'Arezzo, Ed Fried, Millie Sherman, Chris Galbraith, Bud Miller and Dick Mayer

President Mike Harding called the meeting to order at 11:30am.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Brian Eisenberg reported that the Unit earned \$3,602 for the fiscal year ended 12/31/06. The Unit spent approximately \$500 for the Holiday party in December, which consisted of 24 tables split into two sections. Cash at year end amounted to \$22,405, and the final Fund Balance at year-end amounted to \$21,561. The report was approved and accepted.

**Membership Chair:**

Mary reported a membership of 711. There was a motion to discontinue giving out the Mini McKenney medallions and give certificates instead.

**Tournament Chair:**

Dennis had a discussion on acquiring handicapped parking at the Iron Horse School. Also discussed were the duties and guidelines for caddies and the issue of pencils and sharpeners. It was determined that Dennis will buy pencils and a couple of sharpeners.

**Hospitality:**

Angie reported that the Christmas party went well. Of concern was the fact that we had to turn away people who wanted to play. We had asked Rossmoor to host our Christmas party next year but they turned us down. This will be pursued to see if a change of date would help.

**Election of Officers:**

The following were nominated and elected by general acclamation:

**President** - Lee Pesavento ; **Vice President** - Ed Fried ; **Treasurer** - Brian Eisenberg;  
**Secretary** – Millie Sherman

**Appointments :**

After “Thank Yous” to Mike and the non returning board members (Sara, Pat, and Mary) , the new president appointed the following committee chairs:

**Parliamentarian** - Mike Harding; **Membership** – Vernita Davidson; **Tournament** – Dennis Dunn and Kimberly Yatim;

**Publicity and the Declarer** – Keith Gunn; **Unit 499 Website** – Bill George ; **Ethics** – Jeremy Huie ; **Hospitality** - Angie Murray ; **New Member Recruitment** – Chris Galbraith; **Recruiting for Nationals** – Dick Mayer and Bud Miller .

**Discussions and motions :**

A motion to reduce the cost of Unit games at TBC to \$4.00 for Unit members (\$8.00 for Non-unit members) passed.

For the Nationals, 20 to 25 volunteers are needed for one day. Those volunteers would not be able to play that day, and in addition to meals provided by the district ,our unit will consider covering transportation costs. Ron Olswang spoke to us about new player focus. He suggested volunteers are needed to call people who took classes and have not come back. Ron reminded us that he would be gone in 1 1/2 years. There are some negotiations in the works. Ron also announced an increase in the cost of unit games to \$275, including director fees.

John Marron asked the board to consider changing the name of the Elegant Pairs to the Paul Lynch Elegant Pairs. He polled former presidents and they all agreed. This would be a tribute to the man ( now deceased) who started it. The board will consider the idea and respond to John.

The meeting was adjourned by our new president Lee Pesavento at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Sherman, secretary