

The next Board Meeting will be March 18, 2007

February 25, 2007

Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

Lee Pesavento, Ed Fried, Brian Eisenberg, Millie Sherman, Dennis Dunn, Kimberly Yatim, Mike Harding, Vernita Davidson, Angie Murray, Jeremy Huie, Dick Mayer and Bud Miller.

President Lee Pesavento called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

Minutes:

The January minutes were approved as submitted. A discussion about when the minutes should be posted ensued. It was finally determined that the minutes would be sent to all board members via e-mail. They should be read, corrected if necessary, and accepted via e-mail to the secretary. After e-mail acceptance, they will be posted on the bulletin board at the Bridge Center. No response after one week would be considered implied acceptance.

Treasurer's Report:

Brian reported that the beginning fund balance of \$ 21,561 plus January's excess revenues over expenses of \$45 gave us a current fund balance of \$21,606. The cash balance at the end of the period \$23,002. The report was approved and accepted.

Discussions and Motions:

The president asked that we revisit our decision on \$8 non-member table fees at our Unit games. After discussion the board approved a single fee of \$4 for unit members and non-members at the Unit games.

Several recent Zero tolerance incidents were discussed by the group including loud behavior over a disagreement with a director call, abusive language toward an opponent and pace of play penalties against innocent parties. It was decided that as Board members we have an obligation to assure that the Director is aware of such incidents and deals with them. There was also a question as to whether there should be breaks at timed events such as the Swiss game at Rossmoor. There were 42 tables at the recent Rossmoor event.

We will be holding a membership meeting at the 3/18 unit game. Ace of Clubs and Mini Mckenney certificates and life master pins will be given out then. Also, the Treasurer will announce the previous years operating results during the meeting.

The volunteer day for Unit 499 at the San Francisco National will be 11/26/2007. We will be sharing that day with Stockton.

The parking fee at the Marriott is \$50 per day. It is \$25 at other lots. Parking at the Bart stations is difficult on the weekdays. Vernita suggested parking at the North Concord Bart. The last bart runs at 12:20 am. Bud and Dick will research transportation and post a notice for volunteers . District 21 will make accommodation for volunteers to play in events where possible.

Bill George asked what information the Unit 499 Board would want on the website. It was decided that Name, Picture and Position is all that we want about the Board.

Jeremy noted that in the next Declarer will be a request that all Unit 499 members send in any address, phone number or e-mail address changes so the new phone book (coming out the end of March) will be accurate.

Although Chris was absent, he sent in the preliminary idea to encourage new member enthusiasm with a "Pro-Am " game.

Vernita would like our Unit to put out a monthly calendar and list of games. She was asked to do some homework on the cost. It was pointed out that such a calendar and list of games are on our new 499 website.

Mike was asked to look at the by-laws and the need to update them.

Tournament Chair:

Dennis informed us about the need for an extra director for our sectional. A substitute has volunteered, but since he is not an employee of the ACBL, Jay says there is an employment and release form that must be filled out by our unit in order for him to direct. There was concern over the terminology and legal questions. It was suggested that our district advisor look at it and that we ask Livermore how they handled the problem. Lee will research this. Dennis also had a question about our Fall Sectional sanction. The sanction included Friday night. Do we want a Friday night game?

Dennis also had concerns about volunteers for the sectional and handicapped parking. Those issues will be brought up at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Sherman, secretary

