

**May 20, 2007**

**Unit 499 Board Of Directors Meeting**

***Attendees:***

Lee Pesavento, Millie Sherman, Dennis Dunn , Mike Harding, Bill George, Angie Murray, Chris Galbraith and Bud Miller.

President Lee Pesavento called the meeting to order at 11:40 am.

***Minutes:***

The minutes from the March 18, 2007 meeting were accepted via e-mail and posted on the Bridge Center bulletin board March 28, 2007. Future minutes will be sent out via e-mail, edited and a final revised copy sent out and after 2 days of no objections, will be posted on the Bridge Center bulletin board and the 499 website.

***Treasurer's Report:***

Brian could not attend the meeting but stopped by to deliver the treasurer's report and post it on TBC bulletin board.

The fiscal year began with a total cash balance of \$22,405. After general operating expenses, the net loss on Unit games and prepaid expenses for the April, 2007 Iron Horse sectional, the cash balance at the end of the quarter amounted to \$20,591. Resulting in a negative cash flow of (\$1,815) for the quarter.

First quarter expenses exceeded revenues for a \$ 417 loss through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The April 2007 Iron Horse sectional report showed total receipts of \$7051.00 and expenses of \$7151.80 for a loss of \$100.80. The table count totaled 220 this year compared to 295 ½ last year.

***New Member Recruitment:***

Chris presented a special " Pro – Am " tournament game idea to be held at TBC June 28<sup>th</sup> (Thursday night). The "Pros",

( having at least 500 points) will play for free. Amateurs must have less than 99 points.

There will be 24 boards with hand records and discussion of the hands at the end. All pros will sit south or west and all amateurs will sit north or east.

The board voted to approve the game and to contribute \$2.50 per pro to help fund the game. Amateurs will randomly draw their pro partner. Chris requested the game be mentioned in the Declarer.

**Unit Game**

The Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> Unit Game will be a 0-99er game with an Open side game. Publicity for these games is needed in the Declarer, on flyers and on the web site.

Lee asked Chris to communicate with the other unit 499 teachers to present a uniform front to encourage their students to come out and play in clubs and in these tournaments.

### ***Tournament Chair:***

There was some discussion as to the low turn out for our Spring sectional. Gatlinburg , Victoria, other local NAB events and the fact that it was tax time were considered as possible reasons. The dates are set 3 years in advance and although we cannot change next year we might think of changing it in the future.

Dennis said the flyers for the Fall sectional were ready for distribution, but could be changed if we decided to change the format. It was suggested we have 2 or 3 daily sessions rather than double sessions. Other units have had success with this. Lee said he would ask questions about this at the June district board meeting in Sacramento. Any decision will be made later.

### ***National Tournament Volunteer Chair:***

Bud was given a letter Lee received from the ACBL concerning the volunteer duties at the Nationals. Thirty volunteers from Unit 499 will be needed on November 26, 2007 in San Francisco. The district will cover the cost of food and our unit will pay for travel expenses. There is a sign up sheet at the bridge center.

### ***Discussions:***

Lee suggested we rethink the need for monthly board meetings since attendance is a problem. Routine business can be handled by e-mail or small meetings as needed so long as quorum votes are not required. A 3 or 4 member executive committee could get together more frequently to steer events. Please send your thoughts to Lee. The next BOD meeting will be scheduled after a review of the group's feelings on the subject.

The new directory is well underway. Lee will check with Keith and Vernita about the Declarer/ Table talk/ calendar idea discussed at the last meeting. This paper would not have to be mailed. It would be distributed at clubs and on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Millie Sherman, recording secretary