

July 15, 2007
Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

Lee Pesavento, Ed Fried, Brian Eisenberg, Millie Sherman, Dennis Dunn, Mike Harding, Angie Murray, Keith Gunn, Jeremy Huie, Chris Galbraith, Dick Mayer and Bud Miller.

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the May 20 meeting were accepted via e-mail and posted on the Bridge Center bulletin board and 499 website. The board agreed to continue this method of approving the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Brian reported that May and June each held Unit Games for a combined total of 24 paying tables for both months. Unit game fees combined amounted to \$361, while Unit game expenses were \$712, for a combined net loss of (\$351). Expenses consist of Director fees \$130, Food and Supplies \$158, Site Rental Fees \$420 and new member game fee Refunds of \$4. In addition, we recorded ACBL Unit Membership fees for the quarter of \$513, interest income of \$44, and had other operating expenses of \$204. The net earnings for the quarter amounted to a loss of (\$9), and fiscal year-to-date net earnings are a loss of (\$505).

Balance Sheet:

The fiscal year began with a total cash balance of \$22,406. After general operating expenses, the net loss on Unit games, and the April 2007 Iron Horse Sectional, the cash balance at the end of the quarter amounted to \$20,542, resulting in a negative cash flow of (\$1,864) through the end of the current fiscal period. All accounts payable have been paid, including the Site Rental for the Iron Horse Middle School. There are no outstanding liabilities.

New Member Recruitment:

Chris reported the Pro Am Tournament held on Thursday evening July 12 had an attendance of 12 tables. Although Chris thought it could have been better organized with confirmed sign ups and more publicity, there was a good response from the Ams and everyone had a good time. Chris would like to schedule a Pro Am event on Thursday evening August 9. It was concluded that flyers would be needed in addition to bulletin board and website postings.

Tournament Chair:

Dennis asked for a volunteer to store the 8 sets of boards bought by our Unit. A former board member was keeping them. Chris said he would store them in his office and bring them to the Tournament. There was a complaint concerning the caddies. Dennis spoke with the Caddy Master and she said she would take care of it. It was agreed to give the current caddies one more chance before replacing them.

Fall Sectional:

Dennis reported that the Fall Sectional flyers were changed to reflect the Board's decision to not include Friday night, as well as the change in strats voted on via e-mail. The Swiss event is stratflighted. With our first ever e-mail vote, the motion to raise the Sectional Tournament table fees to \$9 was defeated, while the motion to raise the A strat to 2000 passed. Set up was approved for Saturday morning at 8 am. Dennis requested that a full time person to patrol the Handicapped signs during parking times, as the signs were blown over or knocked down. Angie will need a team of helpers to set up, clean up and monitor the food and drink table during play. Dennis proposed that there be a suggestion box at the next sectional.

National Volunteer Sign Up:

Bud reported that there are 30 slots on the sign up sheet (25 are required with a 5 no-show included). 15 slots are currently filled. The slots most needed are the 8am. Bud, Angie, Dick and possibly Dianne agreed to take the 8 am sign up. Bud has yet to check sign ups from other clubs and from the website. When taking

Bart to the Marriott at 6th and Mission streets, the stop to exit is the Powell Street station.

Declarer and Membership directory:

Ed passed out the Declarer to the Board Members present. To save postage costs, Angie took 500 to distribute at Rossmoor and to Judy's game. Lee will take some to Carmen. Keith said that 780 were printed. The new Directory is ready in Jeremy's computer. Unfortunately, his computer crashed and he is still working on retrieving that information.

2008 Elections:

Of the 5 members whose terms of office will be over this year (Jeremy, Dick, Ed, Angie and Mike), only Jeremy said he would not rerun.

Keith was asked to chair a committee to choose 3 new nominees. We would like at least 2 from Rossmoor. The new slate must be ready by the end of September. The Declarer containing the ballots must be mailed no later than October 20, 2007.

Discussions:

We will be forming a task force to talk to community centers to identify a possible sight for Unit games when or if the Bridge Center closes next year. Jeremy can check our mailing list for membership clusters to determine the best locations.

Rossmoor has agreed to 5 Unit games per year, but doesn't want anymore than that at this time.

There was some confusion about the additional Unit game sanctions and multiple site requirements. Lee will call our Representative at ACBL Headquarters and clarify this.

Bill George would like to get member feedback on the 499 website and the ease of usage. Because it was estimated that 100 to one-half of our members are computer literate, we cannot depend solely on the website for publicity or information to our membership.

There will be no Board meeting or Unit game in August.

Being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Millie Sherman