

The next Board Meeting will be October 21, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

September 16, 2007

Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

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

President Lee Pesavento called the meeting to order at 11:09 am. All board members were given a ballot for the District 21 Board of Governors election, an envelope and candidates statements. We were asked to vote for no more than three of the 4 candidates, and then put it in a sealed and signed envelope.

Minutes:

The July minutes (there was no meeting in August) were approved via e-mail and posted.

Treasurer's Report:

Brian reported that the July revenues were \$433 and the expenses were \$435, while the August revenues were \$215 and the expenses were \$13. Our year to date revenues were \$9,861 and our year to date expenses were \$10,166, leaving \$ 305 year to date expenses over revenues. However, our total cash balance is \$20,856. Brian told us that in order to break even at the Unit games we must have at least 14 tables. We have been averaging 11+.

Declarer and Membership Directory:

The Declarer must be mailed in early October because it must contain the ballot for the 2008 Unit 499 board election. (4 from the current board whose terms are up are rerunning and 3 new candidates). Brian will check on non-profit mailing status and the annual fees imposed by the Walnut Creek Post office. Two ballots will be inserted into one declarer in two member households. The membership directory (after computer crashing problems and downloading difficulties) will be ready soon.

New Member Recruitment:

A second Pro-Am event took place in August with 11 or 12 tables. There was discussion concerning new member events with prizes or trophies given.

Volunteer Program for the Nationals:

Bud reported that he has enough volunteers. Some slots are overbooked while the 6:30 pm slot is short. He and Dick will call and confirm and sort it all out. It was deemed a good idea to publish the list of volunteers. It was clearly stated in the information packet that one must apply to Unit 499 for travel reimbursement. Our Unit will reimburse for the cost of a round trip BART ticket (Powell Street exit). Caddies are needed for the Nationals as well as directors.

Tournament Chair:

Dennis had 750 flyers printed up for the Iron Horse Sectional November 10th and 11th with the changed strats. They will be distributed to different clubs and should be set out at tournaments. An announcement should be put in the Forum in October and November. Flyers for the Spring Sectional will be needed by December.

Set up for the sectional will be at 8 am on Saturday morning. Keith, Kimberly, Mike, Angie, Brian, Bud, Dennis, Ed, Millie, Lee and Dick will all help set up. Millie will pick up the coffee pots from Angie on Friday to transport them to the Iron Horse school. The janitor will be asked to have the helium tanks available for the mylar balloons.

We will have the 11 designated handicapped spaces again, but they will need monitoring.

Discussions:

We will need to formally submit a Goodwill candidate from Unit 499 in October. The nomination must be in the form of a well written letter. Several names were discussed. We can submit only 1 candidate.

The Unit game in October will be a single session Swiss team event that will begin at 12:00 p.m. The next Board meeting will be at 10:30 am before the game. As Millie will be out of town, Mike Harding agreed to take the minutes for her.

General discussion ensued about the impending closure of the Bridge Center in June. We will need a committee to search places for possible unit games. Rossmoor can hold up to 50 tables and will be instrumental in how we run our unit games when TBC closes. Right now they have agreed to only 5 Unit games per year. We are allocated 16.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Millie Sherman