

The next Board Meeting will be March 16, 2008 at 11:30am

January 20, 2008

Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

Lee Pesavento , David Terris , Iris Libby , Brian Eisenberg , Millie Sherman , Dennis Dunn , Angie Murray , Bill George , Rosalind Juo, Vernita Davidson, Keith Gunn, Kimberly Yatim and Bud Miller .

President Lee Pesavento called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.

Minutes:

The December minutes were approved via e-mail and posted.

Treasurer's Report:

During the month of December the Unit accrued \$210 of monthly ACBL Membership fees and recorded \$15 of interest income for a total of \$225 in earnings. Expenses, relating to the Holiday Party / Unit game, were \$ 494 causing a net loss for the month of \$268.

Cumulative year-to-date net revenues in excess of expenses amounted to \$947.

We finished the year with a net worth of \$22,508.

Membership:

Iris is going through our current membership to update the phone book. It was decided to only include name, phone numbers and e-mail addresses to cut down on size and cost.

Our membership game is in March and per our by-laws we must notify all members by mail. It was decided we would mail out the first issue of the Declarer in order to fulfill this requirement. The Board voted to pay for the printed labels from the ACBL. The Declarer should include information on the membership, TBC plans, new phone book announcement, a Calendar of unit events - including Club Championships, a new member letter from Chris or any teacher, a letter from our president and notice of the Elegant Pairs / Spring sectional .

Unit Games:

David presented the board with a list of the proposed unit game schedule for 2008 using Unit 499's 16 ACBL sanctions. It was approved. It includes regular Unit games and Split unit games (multiple site games using 1 sanction).

Tournaments:

The Fall Sectional went smoothly. The custodian was so helpful that we are sending a letter of praise to the school system. The caddies worked out well too.

The board was asked to check the condition of the playing cards and it was decided they were fine. The tournament chair should have extra cards on hand for replacement, if necessary.

Our president was asked to speak at the beginning of the sectional to remind the players of: No parking along the curb, all cell phones should be silenced and this is a “Zero Tolerance” event and any infraction should be brought to the attention of the head director.

It was voted to raise the table fees to \$9 in order to be more in line with other sectionals.

Last Spring, attendance for the Elegant Pairs was down. If it is down again this year, we may think of canceling it. We need additional publicity for Friday night to make sure it is known That there is a Non-elegant section as well.

It was suggested that an Intermediate/ Novice promotional at the sectional include prizes or trophies.

Kimberly presented an idea to enhance our Sectional. She suggested that the Board members contribute “Home cooked” foods and include the recipe along with the other foods served.

The Bridge Center news:

Ron spoke to the board. He told us there was a possible buyer for TBC, but if it does not come through, TBC will stay open. It is going to stay and look better. An interior designer is working on a design plan which includes a major clean up and more room for additional tables. Ron is going to talk to the landlord about cleaning up the restroom inside the club so that it could be open for our use. He would like to see some major growth in attendance.

Our board renegotiated the fees for the Unit games to encourage growth. In the past, we paid a set fee and director fee to Ron and we collected the game fees. Now, Ron will hold a regular game, collect the \$4 fees and our Unit will pay Ron \$3 per player.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm

Respectively Submitted,

Millie Sherman, secretary