

The next Board Meeting will be May 18 2008 at 11:30am

March 16, 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 11:20 am.

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

We lost money in both January and February due to Unit game expenses, cost of life master pins and Mini McKinney medals, and postage for mailing the Declarer. We had income of only \$215 from memberships and interest. We expect to make up the losses after the Spring Sectional.

Membership:

Phone books from South County Unit 500 and East Bay Unit 502 were passed around for the Board's inspection. One had names and phone numbers only with e-mail addresses in the back, while the other had only names and phone numbers. After discussion, it was determined we would only put in names and phone numbers in large font with a 499 Club information calendar in the front containing dates, places and times. Iris gave Keith an updated membership disc to begin the new books ASAP.

Unit Games:

David reported that we had a split sanction game in February. The next split game will be April 26th (a Saturday) and will be held at TBC, Rossmoor and Discovery Bay. Rossmoor will be a restricted game. In 2009 our unit will be allotted 24 sanctions (we currently have 16). We are currently allowed 3 Unit wide games. They must be in 3 sites simultaneously each having at least 5 tables all playing the same boards. They could all be in our unit or include other units. Next year, there is no limit on how many of the 24 sanctions can be for Unit wide games. The ACBL fee per table will also increase in 2009.

Tournaments:

Publicity for the Iron Horse Sectional April 18-20 is underway. Fliers are out and announcement reminders will be made. Lee will send e-mails to teacher and club directors asking them to promote the tournament.

All board members are asked to be at the Iron Horse school on Friday to help set up. Angie will do Hospitality with Rosalind's help and Vernita will man the partnership desk.

Discussions:

Due to the high cost of postage, Lee will research ACBL requirements for mailing ballots and notice of the annual membership meeting. We could consider post cards to lower cost. He will also research the bulk mailing fees.

Ideas for putting some of our funds to good unit use discussed. Some of our goals to consider;

1. Assisting our unit's bridge teachers
2. Promoting Intermediate/ Novice games
3. Encouraging competition in the unit
4. Providing education for bridge players (associated with unit games)

The following ideas were considered:

1. Continue the \$ 4 Unit Games and the free Christmas party.
2. The unit will offer to pay the 1st year's ACBL membership fee for new players.
3. Research the hand held electronic scorers and dealing machines for preset hands.

Keith, Lee and Bill will research the cost and equipment requirements for the scoring and dealing machines.

David and Vernita will contact the Unit's teachers to get their input on how we could better support them.

There being no further business, we adjourned to the Unit Membership meeting. Brian gave the year end treasurer's report. David discussed the split unit games and Lee distributed the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKinney awards.

Respectively Submitted,

Millie Sherman, secretary