

The next Board Meeting will be June 15, 2008 at 11:30am

May 18, 2008

Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

Lee Pesavento , Iris Libby , Brian Eisenberg , Millie Sherman , Angie Murray , Bill George, Vernita Davidson, Keith Gunn, Dick Mayer and Bud Miller .

President Lee Pesavento called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

In January and March the Bridge Center hosted the Unit game of 17 and 18.5 tables, respectively. The February Unit game was hosted by Rossmoor. The agreement concerning Unit games changed this fiscal year. Whereby, the Unit will sponsor TBC Unit games at the rate of \$3 per player up to a maximum of 40 players, and the Unit will no longer be directly responsible for hosting and collecting Unit game fees. Therefore there was no revenue generated for the Unit games in this 1st quarter. There was, however, a decrease in expenses for these games.

The Unit accrued \$642 for the 1st quarter in ACBL Membership fees (down from the same period last year), \$44 in interest income for total revenues of \$686.

Total expenses for the Quarter -\$257 sponsorship of Unit games, food costs of \$175, printing costs of 2007 directory (as yet unpaid and estimated at \$1600), \$143 for pins and awards,\$253 for printing the Declarer, \$340 postage for mailing the Declarer and \$90 in advertising costs for the Iron Horse Sectional were\$2,858. First quarter expenses exceeded revenues for a net loss of (\$2,172).

The Spring Sectional held in April had a total of 267 tables, up 47 tables over last year. Due to increased attendance, lower directors' fees and an increase in table fees from \$8 to \$9, it resulted in a profit of \$2,683 (compared with a loss of \$101 last year).

Membership:

The new phone book will soon be ready. It was decided to print 4 or 5 mock-ups for posting at the clubs. They would stay for 1 week to be verified or corrected. The format would be standard paper size folded in half with only names, life master notation (smiley face) and phone numbers. The question of inclusion of e-mail addresses will be raised in the next Declarer and on the web site.

Tournaments:

The closet at Rossmoor is currently being used to store our sectional supplies. Lee will find out if we can also store the Unit's boards there.

A discussion to move or cancel the "Elegant Pairs" resulted in a decision to continue the tradition. Anyone called in by the partnership desk will play for free as is the practice at all tournaments. Bud asked that in the future if Calvin (who delivers tables to the Sectionals) is unable to physically perform his duties, he should be responsible to bring help. Lee will discuss the situation at the District 21 board meeting in Sacramento.

Hospitality:

Angie Murray has retired from the board. Vernita has agreed to serve as co-chair and Pat George will come onto the board to fill Angie's vacancy.

Discussions:

District 21 makes contributions to Charities. For one to be on the donation list, it must be approved at the Unit level first. Our board was asked by one of its members to approve the Food Bank of Contra Costa County as our Charity to be submitted. Our Unit President will present this charity at the next District meeting.

A discussion of the dealing machines included cost (about \$4000), type (there are 2 kinds- Swedish and Australian) with the latter being newer and having fewer glitches. We would need a central place to store the machine and a willing, knowledgeable person to run and maintain it. Keith and Bill will talk to a club owner who uses the equipment. No decision was made at this time.

The 2009 ballot for new board members goes out in September and a nominating committee needs to be formed. Volunteers are needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1pm

Respectively Submitted,

Millie Sherman, secretary