

Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting  
Sunday, June 15, 2008

President Lee Pesavento called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. Present were: Keith Gunn, Dennis Dunn, Vernita Davidson, David Terris, Rosalind Juo, Bill George, Pat George, Ken White, Bud Miller, Brian Eisenberg and Iris Libby. In the absence of Millie Sherman, Iris Libby acted as secretary pro tem.

Items discussed and/or acted upon:

1) Nominating committee: Three members of the board will not return when their terms expire at the end of the year – Lee Pesavento, Dennis Dunn and Kimberly Yatim. We are required to send a ballot to the membership by the end of September; five of our officers have expiring terms. We are to provide seven names for consideration for the five positions.

Lee P. asked for a volunteer to chair the nominating committee. Iris Libby said she would chair the committee. Ballots will be included in the September mailing of The Declarer.

2) Treasurer's Report: Brian Eisenberg explained the changes made by the IRS in the rules for non-profit organizations reporting. Changes in the Pension Protection Act now make it necessary for each unit within District 21 to report annual earnings and expenses, a step taken in the past by District 21 for all the units. We must now have a Tax ID Number. It will make the job of the treasurer a bit more complex and require an understanding of the requirements.

We presently have about \$23,000 in the treasury. There was no Unit game at PHBC in April, but Judy Lowe's Danville Unit game took place on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The May Unit game incurred \$85-90 in food expense.

3) Phone Book: There was discussion regarding the format for the new phone book. Keith Gunn said we are eligible for an ACBL discount at Office Max when we go to print. As soon as the prototypes are returned and corrections/changes are made, Keith will be responsible for having the books printed.

4) Lee Pesavento reported on the District 21 Board Meeting. Reno, Carson City, and Nevada City have moved to District 21, removing themselves from the Portland area district. Fresno and Modesto have also become part of District 21. These additions will complicate scheduling for sectional tournaments. Reno will have to honor contracts for the Christmas Regional with hotels, etc., even though they have changed districts. As a consequence, Portland will have to send their own representatives to manage the tournament.

5) Chris Pisarra, from PHBC, Bruce Blakely, Tom McClintock and Tom Quinlan are all vying to take the position of National Board of Directors now held by the retiring Roger Smith.

6) Summer Declarer and Dealing Machine – Lee has asked Keith Gunn to issue a Summer Declarer, for which Lee will contribute a piece explaining the board research regarding the purchase of a dealing machine, nominating committee and other issues. An important aspect of having a dealing machine is having hand records for serious bridge players. Vernita Davidson talked with someone who said a dealing machine could handle STAC week hand records. Keith Gunn and Bill George will check on accuracy of dealing machine when cards get dirty. The preferred machine reads ordinary playing cards that do not require a bar code. Discussion followed regarding the practicality of a Unit-owned dealing machine. Ken White suggested adding a copying machine as well. Availability of usage, convenience of use, etc. were discussed. Brian Eisenberg suggested we investigate renting an office for Unit 499 where we could house a dealing machine; it would also provide us with a physical address. Action on this issue was tabled until the next meeting.

7) Angie Murray's retirement -- Discussion centered on what kind of celebration would take place to honor Angie for her 10 years of service on the board of directors, and whether our board would break precedent to purchase a gift. Bill George moved and Keith Gunn seconded to spend up to \$200 for a special coffeemaker and a plaque (to be affixed to the coffeemaker, if possible). Vernita Davidson moved and Bill George seconded to spend up to \$100 for the party that will take place on Friday evening, June 27. Vernita will place flyers at the club regarding the party.

There being no time for further matters, Lee Pesavento adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Iris Libby, Secretary pro-tem