

There may be a short board meeting October 19th at Rossmoor

September 21, 2008

Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

Lee Pesavento , Iris Libby , Brian Eisenberg , Millie Sherman , Pat George, Dennis Dunn, Rosalind Juo, Bud Miller, Bill George and Kimberly Yatim.

Absent were: Ken White, Vernita Davidson, Keith Gunn, David Terris and Dick Mayer.

President Lee Pesavento called the meeting to order at 11:20 am.

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Including the unit game, the net earnings for the month of August were \$83. Our cash balance is about \$25,000. Bills were submitted for payment and will be reflected in the September report.

Membership:

The phone books have been distributed and Iris will check with the clubs to see if we need to print any more copies. The corrections page will be distributed in the required twice per year mailings of the Declarer. The Declarer must be mailed by the end of October with the ballots and Bios for our Unit Board election and in February announcing the Unit 499 membership meeting.

Tournaments:

Brian asked Bud to check on the school bill for the Spring sectional .Confirmation is also needed for our "Application for use" of the Iron Horse School. The school district is no longer accepting paper applications. They must be submitted on line and they have been having difficulty with their web site. We had submitted a paper application earlier.

A new design is needed for our handicap parking signs, as they blow over easily. Bud had a good idea and will try it out.

Vernita will take possession of the urns from the Rossmoor closet and she will store them herself, if needed. Brian will take the boards and store them. Brian looked into the rental of a storage facility in Pleasant Hill that would run about \$50 per month.

Kimberly would like to add special dishes with recipe cards and make them in memory of her mother. There could eventually be a recipe book. She would work with Vernita to complement the tourney foods.

Discussions:

Nominations for our Unit's Goodwill award candidate should be decided by the next meeting. A letter of recommendation must be submitted to the committee for consideration by December 1st. All units submit their nominee to represent District 21.

Board member visitation to other games in our unit was discussed. A "meet our Board members night" or just a few board members attending the different games could establish a connection and encourage dialogue. Lee will contact some directors to get their feelings about it.

A subsidy by Unit 499 for Unit games has been focused on the Sunday games at TBC. Now that there are 24 Unit games, do we consider subsidizing all of the games? Brian suggested a formula for a new plan based on the number of tables with the amount of the subsidy to be determined after the game. This subject will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

The highlights of the District 21 BOD meeting held in Santa Clara August 30, 2008 included:

- a. New life Master requirements- In 2010 any new ACBL member will need 500 mp for life master, with 250 pigmented points (50 gold or platinum; 50 red, gold or platinum; 75 silver and 75 black).
- b. Confusion with IRS tax filing- It is still unclear if each unit has to file its own return or if District 21 can continue to file representing all its units.
- c. District 21 going outside for pre-dealt hands- Rather than use their own dealing machines; our district has contracted with an individual to supply the pre-dealt hands at a price of \$12.50 per set of 36 boards.

The ACBL, in the next 4 to 6 months, will choose a specific dealing machine supplier. Therefore, it is recommended that our Unit wait for these further developments before making a decision whether to buy one or not.

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

Respectively Submitted,

Millie Sherman, secretary