

The next Board meeting will be Feb 8, 2009 in Rossmoor at 11am

January 18, 2009 Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

Lee Pesavento , David Terris, Brian Eisenberg , Millie Sherman , Rosalind Juo, Bud Miller, Bill George, Dick Mayer, Ken White, Vernita Davidson and Bob Collins.

Absent were: Keith Gunn, Pat George, Iris Libby, Sharon Tarpinian and Dan Friedman .

President Lee Pesavento called the meeting to order at 11:35 am. The election of a new president took Place and in her absence, the meeting was turned over to the current Vice-president David Terris. After an election of a new Vice president, the meeting was then presided over by Bill George.

Minutes:

The September minutes were approved via e-mail and posted. (There were no meetings in October, November or December)

Treasurer's Report:

For the 4th quarter period ending December 31, 2008, the Unit accrued \$649 of monthly ABCL Membership fees; generated \$9,746 in Iron Horse Sectional table fees (277 tables); and recorded \$30 of interest income for a total of \$10,425 in revenues.

Expenses for the same period were: holiday party-\$300, food supplies-\$71, Iron Horse-\$6,113, Unit operating expenses- \$675. Total 4th quarter expenses amounted to \$7,159 for a net excess of revenues over expenses of \$3,266.

Cumulative year-to-date net revenues exceeded expenses by \$3,150.

Cash balance as of December 31, 2008 amounted to \$28,289, an increase of \$6,392 over 2007's year end balance.

Membership:

The current chairman was absent and a new chairman has yet to be appointed.

Tournaments:

The November 2008 Iron Horse sectional began on Saturday with 71 tables in the morning and 50 tables for the afternoon session of the stratified open pairs event. The morning 199er pairs consisted of 26 tables; the side game had 11 tables, and the main game had 34 tables. The afternoon 199ers had 16 tables, no side game and 34 tables for the main game. Sunday held a Swiss Team event with 9 brackets and 78 tables. There were a total of 277 tables for the November 2008 event.

The November, 2007 Iron Horse Sectional had a total of 259 tables; 71 on Saturday morning, 46 Saturday afternoon and 71 Swiss Team tables on Sunday.

Bud is going to need a co-chair or committee to be appointed by our new president.

Election of Officers:

The following were nominated and elected by general acclamation:

President: Iris Libby; Vice-president: Bill George; Treasurer: Brian Eisenberg; Secretary: Millie Sherman

Iris will need to appoint her committee chairs before the next meeting.

Discussions:

Ron spoke to us about continuing the Special Event games monthly on Friday nights. Mardi gras in February, St Patrick's Day in March, etc. He also asked us to consider raising the Unit Game fees from \$4 to \$6. The board decided to keep the fees at \$4.

Dick Mayer brought up an ethics question involving a member of our unit. It was decided that he needed to look into the rules and make a recommendation for action, if any, by our unit. A letter had already been written by Ron.

Stratification of Unit games was discussed to encourage new players to attend. It is up to the club owners, but we could encourage it with flyers and announcements on the web site. We need a combined e-mail list of new players and need to move the calendar into a more prominent place on the website.

David presented us with a proposed schedule for the 24 Unit games in 2009. It was approved and will be posted on TBC bulletin board and on the website.

A discussion about the Unit subsidizing the food at venues other than TBC was tabled for the next meeting.

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

Respectively Submitted,

Millie Sherman, secretary