

The next Board meeting will be April 4th at 11:30 am
(before the Saturday Unit game at 1pm)

March 15, 2009 Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

Iris Libby, Bill George, Brian Eisenberg , Millie Sherman , Rosalind Juo, Keith Gunn, Sharon Tarpinian, Dan Friedman, Grant Robinson, Dick Mayer and Bob Collins.

Absent were Bud Miller, Pat George and Vernita Davidson .

President Iris Libby called the meeting to order at 11:09 am.

The first order of business was to remind Ron that we voted to have a limited masterpoint section at all unit games when possible.

Minutes:

The February minutes were approved via e-mail and posted on the web and at TBC.

Millie gave out new unit 499 Board of Directors name badges to all present. Iris asked that we wear them at club games so we can be identified as BOD members and be available for questions.

Treasurer's Report:

Income for the quarter included \$600 in ACBL membership fees. Expenses for the Declarer and unit game amounted to about \$1000. The quarterly report, which will be out in May, will include earnings and a detailed report on the Iron Horse Sectional.

Membership:

Our annual membership game was held March 15th at TBC. The Mini-McKinney medallions and Ace of Clubs awards were given out as well as Life Master Pins.

New Member Recruitment:

Gloria Marchick agreed to be the liaison between Ken White and the new students. With Ken's sudden death there is now needed a volunteer to work with Gloria. Grant Vance, Larry Miller, Marvin Suchman and Ron Olswang will be filling in on Thursday night classes, but a permanent replacement is needed to fill his board position.

A pro-Am game is planned for Thursday night April 23rd. We could use the leftover sanction from the defunct Discovery Bay game for this. Iris will contact Judy, Marvin, Larry and Carol about helping to promote this game. Rossmoor will be asked if they can host this game if it looks like we have too many tables for TBC.

Discussions and Motions:

We voted to name the Iron Horse Sunday swiss team event on April 19, 2009 “ The Ken White Memorial “- a 2 session event with catered food between sessions and remembrances and celebration of Ken White’s life. The unit would subsidize the food and charge a nominal amount (\$2 to \$3) extra. Grant and Bob will assist Bud in the planning. Iris asked Millie to check on various restaurant caterers.

Kimberly Yatim requested food contributions (with recipes) for Friday night and Saturday sessions and board members or their wives who like to cook were asked to participate.

Bill was given a hand for the fine job he has done with our 499 website. He has improved and updated it. There is even a” suggestions to Unit 499 BOD “page in which ideas and their implementation are listed. As a result: Vernita distributed the 1st flyer for the Feb 8th Unit Game in January; Iris distributed 300 copies of the March/April calendar and 2009 Unit Game schedule; Grant is working on a mentoring program; and the BOD voted to subsidize by paying half of the ACBL dues for “first-timers” and give 2 free plays to teachers for new Unit 499 ACBL members, starting April, 2009.

Discussions about getting bridge lessons into our elementary and high schools centered on finding willing volunteers and interest within the school system.

Dealing machine discussion was revisited. Keith gave us a background on the 2 types: a Swedish one with coded cards and an Australian one with out coded cards. The cost is approximately \$4,200 + computer + printer + hand analyzer +place to house. District 21 hires a contractor to do their boards. Both the Burlingame and Palo Alto clubs have dealing machines. Grant will talk with them about the possibility of letting our Unit use or rent their machine for a trial period to see if there is enough interest with in our unit .

New Business:

The Friday night Discovery Bay bridge club has closed.

5 Unit 499 members will be taking the Directors course in San Francisco on four consecutive Mondays beginning April 13th. The board rejected the request to subsidize the fees for the participants.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm

Respectively Submitted,

Millie Sherman, secretary

Addendum to minutes:

The decision to have the Ken White Memorial Swiss at our Iron Horse Sectional has been changed. It was thought more appropriate to have it at the Pro-Am game on April 23rd.

Larry Miller and Marvin Suchman will be running that game.

Cecilia Ip has been asked to join our Board and she has accepted.