

The next Board meeting will be September 20th at 11:15am

July 19, 2009 Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

Bill George, Brian Eisenberg , Millie Sherman , Vernita Davidson, Bob Collins, Dan Friedman, Grant Robinson, Judy Keilin, Rosalind Juo, Dick Mayer, and Bud Miller.
Iris Libby, Keith Gunn, Pat George, and Sharon Tarpinian were absent.

Vice-President Bill George called the meeting to order at 11:17 am.

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The following is the Financial Report for the Quarter ending June 30, 2009:

In April the Unit held its semi-annual Iron Horse Sectional game coupled with the Elegant Pairs event held on Friday night. The Sectional generated 13 tables for the Elegant Pairs, and an overall 255.5 tables. This year the Sectional was down 11.5 tables compared to 2008. The factors contributing to the decline were two Regional events going on the same date (one in Western Canada and the other in Gatlinburg, Tennessee). Total Sectional fees amounted to \$9,166 and 2008 fees amounted to \$9,565. Net earnings for 2009 amounted to \$2,667, and for 2008 earnings amounted to \$2683 for a slight decline of \$16 between years. The main benefit between the two years is an operating expense savings of \$250 in director fees, \$200 in janitor fees and \$72 in net site rental and food supplies. The 2009 Sectional expenses were lower compared to 2008, for overall savings of 5.6%.

May and June each held Unit Games for a combined total of 32 paying tables for both months. Due to the Sectional, there was no unit game in April. The unit games expenses were \$391; consisting of director and site rental fees of \$240 and food and supplies \$151. In addition, we recorded ACBL Unit Membership fee revenues for the quarter of \$537, interest income of \$4, and had other operating expenses of \$172. The net earnings for the quarter amounted to \$2,446, and fiscal year-to-date net earnings are \$1,927.

The fiscal year began with a total cash balance of \$28,796. After paying the previous two Sectional Site Rental fees to the School District, including normal operating expenses for the Sectional and Unit Games, the year-to-date cash balance as of June 30th is \$29,080. This resulted in a positive cash flow of \$791 through the end of the current fiscal period. Accounts Payable includes an estimate for the April 2008 site rental fee of \$1,889 and marketing expenses for the Dealing Machine estimated at \$144 for a combined total of \$2,033. There are no other outstanding liabilities.

Webmaster:

The front page of the website is updated frequently and there is now a new member area. Bill also reported that he is preparing a submission letter for unit 499's nominee for the National Goodwill award. He plans to interview the nominee next week.

Membership:

Sharon reported that there were 2 new members and 2 transfers into our unit and 1 transfer out in June.

There were 771 members in May and 774 in June. Sharon sends letters of welcome to our new members, includes the Unit 499 web address and will include information for the 2 free plays and half off membership for new members.

New Member Recruitment:

Judy has formed a committee for teaching bridge in the schools. What they need is a contact in the schools, a teacher to sponsor them, perhaps a math teacher. Otherwise, they are ready to go in the fall.

Discussions and Motions:

The Mentoring Program is up and running. So far, 22 people are in it, 10 have been paired up. The article expected in the Forum was not there, we hope it will be in the next one.

Rossmoor turned down our generous proposal to assist them in acquiring a dealing machine. Our focus will be on TBC. Brian will write an agreement for the equipment needed. A new printer or the use of Staples, which gives an ACBL discount, will be used.

Five members will be going off the board in 2009. A nominating committee needs to be in place by September 1st. Iris and Dan will serve on the committee and Sharon volunteered via e-mail to help if needed.

A Pro-Am Game using a Unit Game sanction was proposed for November 1. It could be at a different time, day or night. It could include a lunch or brunch. Grant could incorporate the mentoring program social event. Ron could help, as well as the people who ran it before.

There will be a Unit game in August, but there will not be a Board Meeting. The next Board meeting will be September 20, 2009.

Hospitality:

The motion to reimburse Rossmoor a maximum of \$100 for refreshments at the Unit games held there passed via the internet prior to today's meeting. Brian requested receipts be turned into him before reimbursement.

Vernita requested a budget of \$100 for food and supplies for an Octoberfest game to be held on Friday night at TBC with Ron's approval.

Vernita will continue with the monthly Unit Game flyers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Millie Sherman, secretary