

The next Board meeting will be October 18th at 11:15am at Rossmoor

September 20, 2009 Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

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

President Iris Libby called the meeting to order at 11:20 am.

The first order of business was the reading of Vernita Davidson's letter of resignation from the board effective October 19, 2009. She wants to still be in charge of the Octoberfest party .

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The earnings in July and August from ACBL membership fees, net of Unit game expenses amounted to \$157. The current cash balance is \$29,231.

Webmaster:

Although Bill will not be rerunning for the Board of Directors, he has agreed to remain the unit 499 Webmaster. He has been adding teachers and classes on the web page.

Membership:

In July, there were 6 new members, 2 transferring into our unit and 3 transferring out. In August, there were 3 new members, 5 transferring into our unit and 1 transferring out. Sharon was asked to begin work on a new unit 499 directory.

New Member Recruitment:

Judy reported that there were 61/2 tables signed up on the Amateur list. She has put out a flyer and asked the bridge teachers to encourage their student's participation in the pro-Am game on October 29th.

Grant reported on the Mentoring program:

Now 2 months old, there are 15 active mentoring pairs. There are 2 unfilled mentor requests and no available mentor volunteers. The participation from Rossmoor players has been excellent. The feedback on the program has been positive and no negative situations reported. More publicity is needed and flyers will be distributed to clubs.

Iron Horse Sectional:

Bud passed out the proposed flyers for the November Sectional. A motion was made to remove all names from the Saturday events and have them called "Stratified Open Pairs". It was suggested that the "Conditions of Contest" be added to the flyer to reflect that events are played under ACBL GCC (general conditions of Contest). We had some scheduling issues with Iron Horse School, but it has been worked out.

Discussions and Motions:

We have ordered a dealing machine for TBC. Ron has agreed to pay half of the cost. The machines are on back order and will be delayed. It should arrive in mid October. Ron has an updated computer but may need a new printer or use Kinko's. Our tech savvy members will work with Ron on the transition.

A committee was formed consisting of Brian, Pat, Rosalind and Iris to set policy on the subsidizing of Unit games held by various directors in various locations. They will report to us at the next meeting.

The nominating committee (consisting of 2 board members and 3 non board members) will report their 7 member slate of nominees by October 10th and the ballots will be mailed out in November. Keith will have them ready to be mailed between Nov 19th and Nov 30th. Ballots must be returned by Dec 15th and counted by Dec 20th.

Our unit has nominated a member to receive the National Goodwill Award. Bill composed the letter and Iris will send it. Also, we can nominate someone from our unit to receive the District Goodwill award. Iris read the names of individuals that have received it in the past. Letters should be submitted to Lo Pesavento by Dec 1st.

At the District 21 Board meeting, Iris was asked to poll the Board on evening start time at Regional tournaments: 5 wanted start time at 7pm, 4 for 7:15pm and 3 for 7:30. She was also asked to get our opinion on doing away with printed hand records and having internet hand records only. Iris will compose a letter to Jay Baum c/o Bruce Blakely stating our position on requiring printed hand records.

Hospitality:

Pat George will replace Vernita as Hospitality Chair with Rosalind as Co-Chair. The Octoberfest celebration at TBC will be Oct 23rd at 6pm and Dick Mayer is providing a band and some extra food.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Millie Sherman, secretary