

The next Board meeting will be Jan. 17th at 11:00am

December 20, 2009 Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

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

President Iris Libby called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

The following new board members were elected to replace Vernita Davidson, Bill George, Millie Sherman, Keith Gunn, Bud Miller, and Judy Keilin whose terms will end in 2009: Teresa Boyd; Judy Keilin; Bruce Johnsonbaugh; Ally Whiteneck; Greg Vance and Frank Concepcion.

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

During the month of October the Unit accrued \$200 of ACBL Membership fees and recorded \$1 on interest income for a total of \$201 in earnings.

In October the Unit held two games consisting of the Ken White Memorial Pro-Am Game and the October Unit game held at Rossmoor. Expenses for the Pro-Am game were for food and related supplies totaling \$205 and \$100 to cover the costs of food items at the Rossmoor Unit game. In addition, the Unit incurred expenses for ACBL Forum advertising for the Iron Horse Sectional of \$90, Mentoring Program expenses of \$45, and the cost of the Dealing Machine amounting to \$2,182. Total combined expenses for October were \$2,622.

During the month of November, the Unit accrued \$200 of monthly ACBL Membership Fees; generated \$8,362 in Iron Horse Sectional fees (232 event tables); received \$145 in food donations at the Sectional; and recorded \$2 of interest income for a total of \$8,709 in earnings.

Expenses associated with the Iron Horse Sectional were Director fees of \$3,545, site rental fees of \$1,475, Food supplies of \$729, Advertising of \$90, and Caddy/Custodian/Supply fees of \$716 for a net earnings on the Iron Horse Sectional of \$2,152. In addition, the Unit had \$24 of bank fees, \$91 in Mentoring Program fees and \$49 in Mini-McKenney medallions, for a combined total of \$6,719 in expenses for the month of November.

November revenues exceeded expenses for net earnings in the month by \$1,990.

Cumulative year-to-date net revenues in excess of expenses amounted to \$1,367.

Cash Balance to date: \$30,308.

Iron Horse Sectional:

The Sectional began on Saturday with a two-session Stratified open event covering 45 tables in the morning session, 43 tables in the afternoon and 16 tables in the side game, for a combined total of 104 tables on Saturday. Included in the table count is the morning 199'er pairs consisting of 14 tables and the afternoon 199'er pairs consisting of 8 tables.

In comparison, the November 2008 event generated 71 tables in the morning and 50 in the afternoon session, for a combined total of 121 tables

Sunday held a Swiss Team double session event with 7 brackets (10 tables in bracket 1, 8 tables in brackets 2 through 6, and 14 tables in bracket 7).

The November 2008 Swiss team event had 78 tables.

In 2009 we were down 17 tables in the Open event and 14 tables in the Swiss event, for a combined reduction in tables of 31 from last year.

Webmaster:

The board passed a motion to approve a link to Chris Pizarra's bridge blog on the Unit 499 website, as long as he does not call it "the unofficial 499 blog". Iris will write a letter to Chris explaining this.

New Member Recruitment:

We need to create a flyer for the bridge teachers to hand out promoting ACBL membership in Unit 499 offering a refund of half the membership fee and 2 free plays.

Discussions and Motions:

The new Dealing Machine was used for the first time at TBC for the December Unit game. It took approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes to do 2 sets of 36 boards. Out of the 72 decks used, a problem was encountered with only 2 (which were resolved by changing the decks). Ron was able to finish doing the boards after Keith got him started. Ron may let other clubs in the Unit use the machine but there may be a fee involved.

Grant is looking into the Unit game schedule for 2010 submitted by David Terris to check for the possibility of resolution of conflicts with other unit games.

A motion carried for there to be an official Ken White Memorial Pro-Am Game with a perpetual trophy with winner's names. The creation of a "Special Game" chairmanship for next year was suggested.

It was board approved to name the 2 session Swiss Team event at the 2010 Spring Iron Horse Sectional in memory of Mike Katz (Mike Bandler, Buzz Kribs and Chris Pizarra will provide the trophy). This is a one time event which may be reviewed annually. Pat will look into having a catered meal or box lunch served between sessions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Millie Sherman, secretary