

The next board meeting will be Feb. 21 at 11:00

January 17, 2010 Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

Board members Iris Libby, Brian Eisenberg, Pat George, Grant Robinson, Rosalind Juo, Sharon Tarpinian, Teresa Boyd, Bruce Johnsonbaugh, Ally Whiteneck, Greg Vance, Frank Concepcion were present. Dan Friedman, Dick Mayer, Judy Keilin, and Bob Collins were absent. Chris Pissara also attended.

President Iris Libby called the meeting to order. New and returning officers introduced themselves.

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Brian Eisenberg presented a quarterly financial report on the unit's activities. For the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2009, the Unit accumulated a total of \$9,229 in revenues and incurred expenses totaling \$10,605 for a quarterly net deficit of expenses over revenue of \$1,376. Cumulatively, fiscal year-to-date 12/31/09 net revenues exceeded expenses by \$422.

He noted the Iron Horse Sectional was down 31 tables year-to-year.

He reported balance sheet and cash flow as: Total payables at year end amounted to \$3,364, consisting of November 2009 and April 2008 Iron Horse Sectional site rental fees. Total cash on the balance sheet amounted to \$28,725, an increase of \$436 over 2008's year-end balance. Total net assets amounted to \$26,079, an increase of \$422 over 2008's year-end balance.

Brian posts the Treasurer's Report, with a more complete breakdown, on the bulletin board at the Bridge Center.

Election of Executive Committee:

Iris opened the floor for executive committee nominations. Iris Libby was elected President; Grant Robinson, Vice President; Brian Eisenberg, Treasurer; Teresa Boyd, Secretary.

Discussion of Full Day Retreat for 2010 Year Planning:

Iris proposed the Board meet soon for a full day to discuss plans and goals for the 2010 year. She will check possible sites and dates.

In regards to planning for 2010, Brian Eisenberg advised there have been changes to IRS regulations that require we submit to our district a three-year budget, as well as other documentation about our Unit.

Iris scheduled an executive committee meeting for Tuesday January 19 to discuss the budget, as well as future committee appointment needs and definitions. Also to be discussed at the retreat is the amount held in the Treasury Reserve. It was noted that a previous suggested amount is \$20 per member; currently there are about 800 members.

Old Business:

Grant Robinson reported he had communicated with David Terris and found his proposed unit game schedule well done. Grant noted there were two dates he thought the Board should consider changing: the Saturday November 20 unit game which conflicts with the Oakland Sectional and the Sunday December 19 holiday party which conflicts with Oakland's holiday party. It was suggested that the person in charge of special events coordinate this with the help of David Terris.

Sharon Tarpinian is working on the directory. The Board discussed privacy issues with posting e-mail addresses and phone numbers. Since these are provided to the ACBL for bridge use, the Board agreed they could be used in the directory with a statement of the ACBL's privacy and information usage stated in the front. Bruce Johnsonbaugh suggested that a list of unit members and their information be left at games for them to correct or note information to be included on the lists.

The Board discussed the need of a paper directory given the option of creating and using an online directory. Since some members need and like the paper directory, the Board is looking at doing both.

Brian reminded the Board that we are now operating under the new policy guidelines for providing food supplies during unit games. That policy authorizes the Hospitality Chair to spend up to \$150 for 15 tables for food/beverages at unit games, or an average of \$10/table. Also that he will be putting together a package to comply with the new IRS guidelines for Associations to be sent to the District for their filing purposes.

New Business:

1. Chris Pissara proposed creating an annual memorial game similar to the Flower Memorial Game held many years ago. It would be a two-session Swiss event with a dinner between sessions. Due to its anticipated size, it would be held offsite. The cost of the event per person in the past was around \$30-40 per person. That was after the amount the unit subsidized. Included discussion was how the previous event worked, why it no longer existed, and possible ways the event could be done in the future, including best time of year, costs, and possible locations. The Board agreed that if instituted the memorial game should not be in memory of a single person. However, it left open the idea that someone could choose to specifically commemorate a particular individual. For the first event, Chris indicated that Mike Bandler and Buzz Kribs would like to offer a trophy to remember Mike Katz. Chris anticipates being able to draw as many as 35 or 40 teams. Iris asked Chris to check possible sites and catering options and to bring that information back for the Board to consider. A newly proposed committee post of Special Events Coordinator would work with Chris.
2. The Board acknowledged we make no direct charity donations above and beyond the ones the District makes on behalf of us.
3. The Board discussed current committee appointments and proposed new ones. Iris determined the Executive Committee would go over them again at the executive committee meeting to be held January 19 and send out the information to board members to review before the next meeting, at which final appointments will be determined.
4. Chris proposed the Board consider reinstating an old policy of occasionally hiring top bridge players to speak at unit games, possibly two or three times a year. He thought the cost would be around \$100-\$150 per speaker.

No further new business being proposed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Boyd, Secretary