

February 2, 2010

Unit 499 Board Planning Meeting

Attendees:

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

Committee Member Appointments:

After extensively discussing the roles and responsibilities for current committees and those for two new ones (one for Publicity and Communications and one for Special Events Coordinator), the following appointments were made.

Rosalinda Juo and Pat George: Hospitality.

Dick Mayer and Dan Friedman: Ethics and Rules; and Ethics, Rules and Recorder.

Sharon Tarpinian: Membership Coordinator.

Bob Collins: Tournament Coordinator.

Bruce Johnsonbaugh and Judy Keilin: New Member Recruitment.

Ally Whiteneck: Mentoring Program.

Frank Concepcion: Special Events Coordinator.

The Publicity and Communications Coordinator position was not filled.

New Ideas and Action Items:

1. New member recruitment. We discussed possible ways to teach bridge to kids and how to go about it. Included were programs at schools and at park & rec centers. The Bridge Center was also discussed as a possibility depending upon how it was structured. We also discussed ideas about bringing in adults new to the game or new to duplicate, how they might find partnerships and games that best fit their needs. Iris is to follow up to see how the board's decision last year to offer new ACBL players free plays is progressing.

2. Bridgemates or Bridgepads. The cost of bridgemates is \$125/each and one idea is to have a fundraiser to help units buy them. A question brought up is what role the unit should play in getting these for clubs.
3. Bill George has suggested making the calendar on the web site more attractive and usable and said he could use help in keeping it up. We discussed ideas about finding calendar software, having the calendar reflect special events, classes and also daily games & locations in an easy-to-find, easy-to-read format. Iris plans to ask Greg if he'd like to be involved in this.
4. Re the tournament, we discussed Pat George's idea to have catered lunch boxes available at the sectional and she planned to look into it more.
5. Iris wants to let clubs know our unit is there to help and support them in promoting bridge, and Grant is to draft a letter for her to send to club owners explaining that.
6. Iris announced a special barometer game will be held Friday night March 5 at the Bridge Center. Other special game suggestions are for a parent (grandparent)/child game and a Swiss event.
7. Several people agreed some of the cards used in the last tournament were substandard and should be replaced. We voted to buy six dozen decks to replace the worn ones.
8. We voted to move the holiday party to Saturday December 18 so as not to conflict with the Oakland party. We discussed having it at Rossmoor to allow for more people, but Rosalind and Bob advised there are no kitchen facilities available at Rossmoor. We agreed it would be better to keep it at the Bridge Center where we have a kitchen.
9. The March board meeting was moved to Wednesday March 10 4:00 pm at the Bridge Center to accommodate those who will be at the Reno national.