

The next board meeting will be at the Bridge Center on May 16 at 10:45 a.m.

March 10, 2010

Unit 499 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

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

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Brian Eisenberg provided an overview of income and expenses for February. The unit earned approximately \$200 and spent approximately \$850, largely on food at unit games, mentor program expenses and printing costs during the month.

Business:

1. **SPRING SECTIONAL:** Bob Collins was absent but let Iris know the new location site is large enough and will be available for Friday night's game. We can begin setting up as early as 1:00 Friday. Pat George found out we can get box lunches for \$5 each from Subway or Togos. It was proposed, seconded and approved that Pat order 75 box lunches from Togos to be available for purchase, at cost, on a first come first served basis Sunday morning. The board will revisit the Sunday Swiss re lunch and time-allotted break for the fall sectional to see if it should be shortened with more box lunches available. Grant reported that Ally would like the board to consider hiring a speaker for the intermediate/newcomer players prior to the Saturday morning game. The proposal was made, seconded and approved. The amount authorized is \$100. Since the tournament flyer has already been prepared and uploaded to the unit web site without this event, it will be advertised in a different way.
2. **UNIT BLOG POLICY:** The board discussed what its policy should be regarding personal blogs and, in particular, Chris Pizarra's personal blog. While noting it is not the practice of the national ACBL site, the board proposed, seconded and

approved that a link to Chris's blog be included on the "Bridge Links" page of the unit web site as it provides valuable bridge and unit-related information.

3. CALENDAR UPGRADE: Greg Vance is continuing to work with Bill George on upgrading the website calendar and presented ideas for board consideration.
4. BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS: Judy Keilin noted she had nothing new to report. Bruce Johnsonbaugh reported about his efforts to find out more about San Francisco's successes and organization in introducing bridge in schools.
5. NEW MEMBERS: Bruce Johnsonbaugh suggested and offered to let SIR groups know about the Board's mentor sessions on Saturdays as a way to introduce them to duplicate bridge.
6. MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: Bruce Johnsonbaugh offered to help Sharon Tarpinian with getting the unit's ACBL membership list into a format useful for publishing as a directory.
7. FREE PLAYS FOR NEW MEMBERS: Bruce Johnsonbaugh offered to put together a flyer for those attending the Saturday mentor sessions who might be interested in joining the ACBL. It will include the benefits of ACBL national membership as well as the free plays and discount on ACBL membership the unit provides.
8. COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY DESCRIPTIONS: Grant noted he had sent all board members a draft description of committee responsibility descriptions for review and refinement.
9. NEW CARDS FOR THE UNIT: The Board voted to authorize purchasing 6 sets of new decks for the unit.

No further business being proposed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Boyd, Secretary