

**February 13, 2011**

**Unit 499 Board Minutes**

**Attendees:** Bruce Johnsonbaugh, Trisha O'Connor, Lyn Sacco, Jerry Chamberlain, Dan Friedman, Bill King, Bill Barron, Frank Concepcion, Lynne Humphrey, Lois Laine, Judy Killian, Joyce Mirwald

**Absent:** Brian Eisenberg, Ally Whiteneck, Pete Boss

Meeting called to order at 10:00 by Bruce Johnsonbaugh

1. Motion made and seconded to accept Secretary minutes -- unanimous approval by all present.
2. Motion made and seconded to accept Treasurers report from prior meeting-- unanimous approval by all present.

Bruce opened discussion as to which committees the new board members would be interested in heading. It was agreed that all would share in the responsibility of hospitality on a day and date specific, so the burden does not fall on any one member specifically. Bruce offered to take responsibility for the next Unit game's hospitality.

1. Bill Barron in charge of 199er affairs; membership, and publicity involved to alert members of everything available to new members.
2. Bill King is willing to work on the web site with Bill George. He will also work on tournament coordination with Jerry Chamberlain.
3. Lois Lane is willing to work on publicity and communications. She has an interest in gathering information for the electronic newsletter.
4. Judy Killian will work on the newsletter. Judy wants to let go of new members recruitment committee. Lois and Judy will work together on the newsletter.
5. Hospitality Committee will be split up evenly amongst the board members. Each member will take a unit game date and provide food for the Unit game.

March 20<sup>th</sup> is the next board meeting and unit game. Bruce will take care of the next unit game hospitality. He asks everyone to step up so that the work is evenly distributed.

Trisha will handle the hospitality for the Spring Sectional. Discussion on hospitality responsibilities.

6. Proposal presented to Board from Rossmoor regarding the purchase of a dealing machine for Rossmoor. Bruce has interacted with Jeannine Dolgin for the proposal that they have. Rossmoor is estimating that 350 – 500 unit

members will benefit. One dealing machine at the unit at DVBC reflects a similar proposal to fund another dealing machine for Rossmoor. Discussion.

Purchase of the Rossmoor machine. Bruce has done a fair amount of research on Google on funds -- prudent reserve for non-profits is to have 3-6 months of operating expenses. Even if Brian Eisenberg's estimate of operating expenses of 20k is prudent 26k in the treasury now, we can easily afford to fund the dealing machine. Element of fairness regarding the purchase of a second dealing machine within the Unit. At the time of the purchase of the first dealing machine to the Bridge Center, a similar proposal was presented to Rossmoor for the same ½ of financing availability. Rossmoor is now willing to move forward with the funds to purchase a dealing machine.

Motion to fund ½ of dealing machine--highest funding is \$2,200 for 50% contribution toward the purchase of the machine. Discussion. Owner of machine is responsible for any, and all repairs. Motion made and seconded, Unanimous approval to fund machine at \$2,200 limit. The newly purchased Machine is also available to Larry Miller, Carol Griffin, and Judy Lowe.

7. Discussion regarding funds available in the treasury.

Possibility of forming a budget committee hand in hand with having a budget come up with other ideas of raising money for the unit. Brian Eisenberg, Dan Friedman, and Bill King named as members of budget committee.

8. Flyers for the May Elks Club Tournament prepared and ready to go to Santa Clara on Tuesday
9. Possible electronic newsletter discussion followed. Declarer is costing \$400 to publish plus postage. An online newsletter will replace Declarer. Lois Laine and Judy Kilian to take lead on developing and research of an electronic newsletter.
10. We will have to amend the bylaws, require mailing to membership for elections. ACBL has to distribute by publication. Bruce will research amending bylaws so as to have an electronic format. Chatter in prior year's minutes about the same issues from the past regarding the newsletter. Long discussion regarding all the issues presented.

Regarding ACBL changing bylaws ACBL amend bylaws by 2/3 of board to change the bylaws put out changes to the members. We currently have a terrible way of amending our bylaws. To get disengaged from the bylaws is a 2 step process. We need to satisfy the ACBL, it has to be controlled by our board. If members favorably receive then we have to go through our archaic system. In

the future guidelines of amending our bylaws don't have to use the current system if amended properly

11. Caddies are more per day than originally anticipated for the May Tournament Motion made and seconded for \$35 a session payment per caddy with unanimous approval by the Board to pay for lunches for caddies and directors.
12. Discussion about the prospect of getting new electronic scoring machines. \$9370 and a server, 40 devices at Diablo Valley Bridge Center, 40 devices at Rossmoor. We won't have to rent them from the district for our tournaments. Rossmoor lets us use them at the sectional-- that would be a condition of purchase for both clubs.
13. Lynne Humphrey reported on new members joining unit from the mentoring program. 25 new members from last year
14. Joyce reported on guidelines for sectionals -- what is the cost per participant? What was spent for advertising and what was done in the past? Detailed records breakdown of numbers per table. We are doing a better job in advertising

Motion to adjourn Bill Barron seconded by Lyn Sacco unanimous approval to adjourn at 12:00.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lyn Sacco, Board Secretary