

Unit 499 Board of Directors Minutes
4.15.2012

Attendees: Bruce Johnsonbaugh, Lyn Sacco, Pete Boss, Frank Concepcion, Ellen Beltran, Trisha O'Connor, Ally Whiteneck, Carroll Brooks, Anne Hollingsworth, Judy Keilin, Jack Meng, Lynne Humphrey

Absent: Jerry Chamberlain, Bill Barron, Bill King

Meeting called to order by Bruce Johnsonbaugh at 10:30 A.M.

Minutes: Accepted and approved, unanimous approval

Treasurer's report: Cash balance is presently \$24,637, \$5,811 is allocated for the Youth Bridge Program leaving available cash of \$18,453.

Bruce Johnsonbaugh: Further amendments to the bylaws proposed by Bruce. Bruce is cleaning up the bylaws to bring them more into the realm of the current age of technology. Bruce proposed the following proposed amended Article IX and Article X:

Article IX
NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

1. A Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three 3 persons who are members of this Unit, a majority of whom are members of the Board. The Chairman and Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors not later than September 1st of each year. All candidates shall be interviewed by a member of the Nominating Committee and shall be given thorough information as to the functions and duties of the Board members, with particular attention to the requirement of attendance at Board meetings.
2. The Nominating committee shall name, if possible, at least the number of candidates as there are vacancies to be filled, and shall present the slate to the Board of Directors by October 10th of each year.
3. Notice of upcoming vacancies and requests by members to serve on Board of Directors:
 - a) The Board of Directors shall publish at least two notices of upcoming vacancies on the Board between August 1 and September 30 of each year. Such notices shall be posted on the Unit 499 website for at least 30 days and published in the eDeclarer; or published by other means determined by a majority of the Board.
 - b) Any member of Unit 499 interested in serving on the Board must submit a written request (by email or other writing) to the Secretary of the Unit by September 30. That interested member shall be

interviewed by a member of the Nominating Committee as described in paragraph 1 above. The Nominating Committee shall include the interested member on the slate presented to the Board by October 10.

4. If the slate of nominees presented to the Board by October 10 contains a number of nominees equal to, or less than, the number of vacancies, no election will be held. Those nominees will become members of the Board effective January 1 of the following year.
5. If an election is necessary, the following provisions shall govern the election:
 - a) Each eligible member of this Unit shall be entitled to only one ballot.
 - b) Each eligible member shall have one vote for each vacancy to be filled.
 - c) All candidates shall have the right to be present during the counting of the ballots.
 - d) Ballots shall be distributed in a manner determined by the Board of Directors by November 30th and voting shall close on December 15th. Ballots received after December 15th shall be invalid. All ballots shall be secret.
 - e) Directors shall be elected by a plurality vote.
6. The Election Committee
 - a) An Election Committee of at least three (3) members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors no later than November 1st of each year.
 - b) The Board shall name the Chairman of the Election committee and the Board of Directors shall devise any further election procedures needed in addition to those prescribed in these By-Laws which are necessary.
 - c) The Election Committee shall notify the candidates of the time and place for counting of the ballots.
 - d) The Election Committee shall count the ballots and shall notify the Board of Directors of the results of the election by December 20th. The Board shall note the results and shall notify the elected candidates.
7. Vacancies on the Board of Directors
 - a) Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment of the Board. Such an appointee shall serve the unexpired term. Board members who are absent from two full consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Board shall be considered to have vacated the office of Director, unless such absence is condoned by a majority vote of the Board. Board members who become ineligible during a term of office shall vacate the office.

ARTICLE X NOTICES TO MEMBERS

Notices posted on the Unit 499 website for 30 days and published in the Unit 499 eDeclarer shall constitute sufficient notice to members of Unit 499 for all purposes of these By-Laws.

Motion made and seconded with unanimous approval for acceptance of above amendments to the by-laws.

Notices to be posted on the website and e-Declarer regarding proposed changes to Article IX and X. Article IV and V changes tabled for future date.

During discussion, it was noted that elections are costly and take quite a bit of member's time. Considering that we rarely have more volunteers than position openings, elections can be eliminated, unless there are more candidates than positions.

Discussion as to Roberts Rules of Order being the governing protocol for discussion at the President's discretion. Roberts Rules may be used as a guideline but not strictly enforced.

Trisha O'Connor: Discussion as to fees charged at Rossmoor for non-residents. Tabled for later date. (Issue later dropped in email discussion after meeting adjourned)

Reimbursement for Unit game refreshments bumped from \$10 to \$12 per table up to 15 tables at Unit games. Motion made, amended, seconded, with unanimous approval.

Fall Sectional: Jerry Chamberlain will not be available for Fall Sectional. Lynne Humphrey has volunteered to be the Tournament Chair with backup from Carroll Brooks

ACBL National: ACBL National tournament in November needs a volunteer/volunteers to assist in the tournament for one day as part of Unit 499 contribution to the tournament. We need someone from the Unit to do this. Ally volunteered and will post the request to google groups.

Ally Whiteneck: Bridge in a day, program by Patty Tucker in Atlanta Georgia. Ally is going to reach out to the SIRS group for interest in her program.

Discussion about teaching in the schools, how to get the teachers interested and on board with teaching bridge to the students.

Next meeting date will be in June 24, 2012. No meeting in May the same month as a Sectional unless necessary.

Motion to adjourn with unanimous approval at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted

Lyn Sacco

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