

The next board meeting will be at the DVBC on January 20 at 11:00 a.m.

**UNIT 499 BOARD MEETING  
12/16/2012**

**Present:** Bruce Johnsonbaugh, Trisha O'Connor, Anne Hollingsworth, Ellen Beltran, Ted Gunn, Ally Whiteneck, Lynne Humphrey, Bill Barron, Pete Boss, Jack Meng, Judy Keilin, Frank Concepcion, Andy Fine, Bill George  
**Absent:** Bill King, Carroll Brooks, Jerry Chamberlain, Lyn Sacco, Beth Eggers, Jane Malcuit

**Meeting called to order** by Bruce Johnsonbaugh at 11:00 AM.

**Minutes:**

Minutes from previous meeting accepted and approved unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:**

Cash on hand is \$25,543. This includes \$5,578 in restricted funds designated for use with the junior bridge program. Unanimous approval of Treasurer's Report.

**Fall Sectional:**

One issue is the amount the unit spends on food and the catered lunch. The amount of food (mostly due to the unexpected donations of our members) might dissuade people from purchasing lunch. With all the unexpected donations, the unit could have spent less on food. There are options to avoid subsidizing the cost of the lunch - cheaper lunch, smaller sandwiches, lemonade/iced tea instead of soft drinks. These issues will be reviewed and discussed before the next sectional.

**Board Elections:**

Congratulations to the new board members: Ellen Beltran, Beth Eggers, Andy Fine, Ted Gunn, and Jane Malcuit. Thanks to our outgoing board members – Frank Concepcion, Bill King, Jack Meng, and Ally Whiteneck.

**Bylaw Amendments:**

The amendments to the bylaws have been accepted. Bill George will post the new bylaws of the Unit 499 website.

**Executive Board:**

The following executive board members were elected unanimously:

President – Trisha O'Connor

Vice President – Beth Eggers

Secretary – Lyn Sacco

Treasurer – Anne Hollingsworth

Trisha O'Connor presented badges to the new members that were present – Andy Fine and Ted Gunn.

**Unit Games:**

Ellen Beltran presented her work on unit games for 2013. She has been in touch with the directors of games throughout the unit, asking for their input and approval of her proposed schedule. The unit has been granted sanctions for 24 unit games (some of these are split between multiple locations). Ellen will use the online process to request the sanctions for the 2013 unit games. June is difficult because there are so many sectionals. Ellen did not schedule unit games in October because clubs can hold Club Appreciation games instead in October. There was general agreement that the schedule for the year should be posted. Ellen will send a spreadsheet of the unit game schedule to Bill George (to post on the unit website) and to Judy Keilin (for the eDeclarer). There may be schedule changes during the year, but the changes will be reported on the website and in the eDeclarer.

The unit game schedule presented by Ellen was approved unanimously.

**Spring Sectional:**

The Spring Sectional will be held June 21-23. The unit has a tentative agreement with the Elks Club in Walnut Creek for these dates. However, because of parking issues and air conditioning issues, Trisha O'Connor is pursuing the use of Iron Horse Middle School instead. It is a problem for the school district because of the summer

cleaning schedule. Trisha has been in touch with the principal and is expecting to hear from the Vice Principal next week.

Bruce Johnsonbaugh has been the Tournament Correspondent. He is being pressured by ACBL to provide a location and a schedule of games for the Spring (Summer?) Sectional.

Trisha O'Connor will contact Jerry Chamberlain about chairing the sectional.

**Intermediate/Newcomer Tournaments:**

Lynne Humphrey reported on the information on the ACBL website about I/N tournaments. Units are allowed to hold an unlimited number of I/N tournaments unless limited by the district. There was a discussion about holding a one-day tournament at DVBC if the district will sanction it. Bruce Johnsonbaugh will contact the district about the possibility of pursuing this idea. There was general agreement that we need to find ways to encourage newer players in our unit.

**Youth Bridge:**

Bruce Johnsonbaugh continues to work with the existing group of juniors every other Tuesday – usually 7-8 kids, all boys! He is pursuing the possibility of providing youth bridge through the Lafayette Library. Ally Whiteneck is planning to work with Bruce on Youth Bridge next year. If the unit pursues the I/N tournaments, the youth bridge players should be encouraged to play.

**Mentoring Program:**

There was a discussion of the Mentoring Program. Players with 150-299 masterpoints are paired with a Life Master. The Life Master is given 6 free plays (reimbursed by the unit) to play with their “mentoree”. Jack Meng has been running this program. Anne Hollingsworth reported that there are coupons being turned in for reimbursements and the program is being utilized. There was a general agreement that the board wants to continue supporting this program. Someone needs to replace Jack since he is leaving the board. Also, there was agreement that the program needs to be advertised through the website, eDclarer, and through games and directors (where potential “mentorees” are playing).

**Unit Website:**

Andy Fine has been working with Bill George, our webmaster, to figure out how to provide more up-to-date information on the Unit 499 website.

Bill George asked for help from all board members to help him keep the website current. Since he does not live or play in our unit, it is up to the board to help him keep the website current. He needs help from board members (either directly or by pressuring club owners/directors). The website needs information on special events, STAC games, club appreciation games. Out of date information needs to be deleted or updated.

**I/N Bridge:**

Handouts with comments from Larry Miller, Iris Libby, and Ally Whiteneck were distributed. Also, a proposed questionnaire for I/N players was included. Because of lack of time, it was suggested that all board members read the handouts and the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**Mini McKenney Medallions:**

It was agreed that the board should purchase Mini-McKenney Medallions for 2012. Lynne Humphrey will order these.

**Board Member Roster:**

Lyn Sacco will update the roster of board members.

**Meeting adjourned 12:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Humphrey 12/16/12