

**Unit 499 Board of Directors Minutes**  
**January 20, 2013**

**Attendees:** Trisha O'Connor, Beth Eggers, Lyn Sacco, Carroll Brooks, Jane Malcuit, Pete Boss, Andy Fine, Bruce Johnsonbaugh, Bill Barron, Pete Boss, Lynne Humphrey, Ted Gunn

**Absent:** Ellen Beltran, Anne Hollingsworth, Jerry Chamberlain, Judy Keilin

Meeting called to order at 10:45 By Trisha O'Connor

**Minutes:** Approved and passed unanimously

**Treasurers Report:** Current cash balance \$26,366, available balance \$21,038.  
Treasurers report approved and seconded, unanimous approval

**Intermediate Newcomer Tournament:** Bruce Johnsonbaugh. ACBL has discontinued the I/N one day tournaments. Suggested alternative, an invitational tournament to another unit in our area, Unit 500 or Unit 502 – challenging them to a bridge duel. Suggested to wait until Iris is back and old digs are up to par.

**Youth Bridge:** Bruce Johnsonbaugh. Tuesday night Youth bridge is evolving, the kids want to come and play at a regularly scheduled game. We will invite them to the Saturday morning game. Lafayette library has been researched for after school Bridge play. Bruce is currently teaching a variety of games at the library, hoping to get a group interested in bridge. Librarian really liked the idea of teaching Poker and other games. Our goal is to get them involved with cards, then move them into bridge.

Beth Eggers reported that Christian school is interested in having Bridge next quarter as an elective. Separately, Karen Tinder (parent of one youth taking Youth Bridge Class on Tuesday nights) is circulating an announcement to middle school teachers regarding Bridge class interest and availability for Youth.

In Danville, an 8 week program with the Bandler's and Munson's, Jack Fulcher and Trisha O'Connor, as teachers will be starting at the the Diablo Vista Middle School, 4100 Camino Tassajara as soon as all the teachers have been fingerprinted.

**Novice Intermediate Game:** Larry Miller. Novice, intermediate on Saturday mornings at 9:15 for a mini-lesson, followed by 9:30 play to start February 2, 2013. The unit wants to promote the game to those with fewer than 100pts. Trisha will put together a script/questionnaire to call a representative sample of I/N players to determine their interest and to ascertain their opinions of the current I/N offerings. Lynne Humphrey can identify those with 99 or less points; each person on the Board will take 10 names and phone them to go over the questionnaire.

Larry's new game will start on the first Saturday in February with Iris as director. Larry needs help with folks volunteering to answer the questions from the newer players on a Saturday morning. Web site and e-declarer mentioned as forums for announcing the new/improved Saturday morning games for novice and intermediates.

**Spring Sectional Flyer:** Pete Boss. Flyer discussion regarding strats for AX category for Spring Sectional. Flyer to be similar to El Cerrito Flyer regarding the strats for the tournament. Beth Eggers will be the partnership chair relying mainly on email for contact. She will ask Bill George if the Google groups are still up for partnerships. The flier was approved and will be printed and distributed at tournaments in the area.

**Bylaws:** A question was raised regarding terminology in the by-laws regarding membership. The by-laws state that "any person of good moral character..." The term seems antiquated and who is to decide on good moral character? Bruce J. explained that it meant, people who do not cheat at bridge.

**Annual meeting:** March 17<sup>th</sup> at Rossmoor. We will inform people through announcements at games, on web site and e-Declarer.

**Motion to adjourn:** Andy moved, Carroll seconded. Adjourn at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted:

Lyn Sacco

January 21, 2013