

Unit 499 BOD meeting March 17, 2013
Rossmoor Multi-purpose Room 2

Attendees: Trisha O'Connor, Beth Eggers, Lyn Sacco, Carroll Brooks, Jane Malcuit, Pete Boss, Andy Fine, Bruce Johnsonbaugh, Lynne Humphrey, Ted Gunn, Judy Keilin, Jerry Chamberlain.

Also present: Jackie Zayak.

Absent: Anne Hollingsworth, Bill Barron.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 by Trisha O'Connor.

Minutes: Approved and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Current Cash balances

Savings: \$17,606

Checking \$8,305

Total \$25,911

Outstanding invoices/Checks \$322

Youth Bridge restricted funds \$5,078

Available Cash \$20,511

New Board members asked the source of our revenue & how we decide to spend our money. The two sources of income for our unit are Sectional Tournaments and ACBL remittance to us based on new and renewed memberships.

Regarding expenses: The unit has no fixed expenses. We do incur up-front expenses for Sectional venues, food & decoration. We also have office supply expenses, which are minimal. Additionally, expenses will be authorized for unanticipated items, such as dealing machines, bidding boxes and new cards. Two years ago, the board determined that having a reserve of \$12,500 to cover any unforeseen expenditures was appropriate. At that time, we had over \$26,000 in the treasury. We now have about \$20,000. There is no urgency to get to the \$12,500, but we have a goal in site.

There is also over \$5,000 in the Youth Bridge program. These funds are a combination of donations from Unit #499, ACBL and fees from special bridge games.

Motion to accept Treasurers report by Carroll Brooks, seconded by Bruce Johnsonbaugh, unanimous approval.

Welcome to Jackie Zayak: Jackie has agreed to take over membership on the Board.

Motion by Andy Fine and Judy Keilin seconded to accept Jackie as new member of Board.

Unanimous approval.

District 21 Board Meeting: Trisha reported on the board meeting in February. One of the items was funds for charity donations. Each year, Dist. 21 has five \$1,000 grants to be given to non-bridge charities. However, if your unit received a grant from the previous year, you are only eligible to be considered for a \$500 grant in the current year. In 2012, our unit received a grant for ARC, a 501C3 helping special needs children and adults. (This was a \$5,000 grant from ACBL to our District).

At the D-21 Board meeting, we were told there were two additional \$1,000 grants for which we could apply. After suggesting to Lorin Waxman that he apply for the Solano County Food Bank, we were told that the grants had already been awarded.

Our board will consider recommendations for 2014, to be submitted to Jeff Hack, D-21 Charity Manager, early in 2014.

Two more items covered in the meeting: were the use of Working Service Dogs and Emotional Support Animal at Regional and National Tournaments and awarding overall points to playing directors during STaC week.

A recommendation has been made on a policy for service animals. One of the D-21 members, who is a lawyer specializing in ADA issues is reviewing the policy and will report to the membership.

The district decided that working Directors may not receive STaC points. This policy may then be implemented for Sectional Tournaments, as well.

Budget discussion: Ted Gunn brought up the idea of having a budget. After a brief discussion, Bruce volunteered to meet with Anne and Ted and put together a budget proposal for a vote.

Pleasant Hill Senior Center Unit Games: Mentioned as a possible venue for our Sectionals. Several of us have visited and it is a lovely, but very expensive place. Jerry Chamberlain suggested that we make an offer, which is in our budget and see if the venue will be accepted.

UNIT GAMES: Ellen Beltran was the person who assigned unit games. She has resigned from the board. We need someone to take over that position. No one volunteered. There are three unassigned unit games, which have been given to Rossmoor, but they have not chosen the dates. Jeanine Dolgin, President of the Rossmoor bridge club, will inform us of the dates.

Subsidize Unit Games: Discussion as to current policy on subsidizing Unit games.

Decision that we will not subsidize Unit games beyond providing reimbursement for food receipts at \$12/table, max 15 tables for Unit games.

Youth Bridge: Ally Whiteneck has started a new Youth Bridge program at three middle schools in Danville. AT DVBC, Bruce and Ted are teaching youth every other Tuesday evening.

Web Site Report: Trisha presented a report on the new website development. The purpose of making a new site, under the control of the Board, is to make a cleaner, easier to use site. The current site requires someone from the Board to contact Bill George to update the site. We have not particularly been on top of noting the necessary changes to Bill; this means some information is out of date. This responsibility is on the Board, and those on the Board interacting with Bill George.

Eric O'Connor is creating a new web site and the planned transition to diablovalleybridge.com is April 15th. The Board was asked to look at the proposed new site and provide comments and suggestions.

There will still be the requirement of a webmaster to maintain the site. A Board member will have to interact with that webmaster to supply the necessary information, and review those postings.

Maintenance Expenses: In 2010 the Board changed some of the cards in boards that the Unit owns. Next time we will consider buying a set of new cards if the old ones are clunky.

Directors Course: Discussion as to having Nancy Boyd teach a Directors Course for our Unit, or speak about the rules before our tournament. Nancy's course is not a directors course, just a talk on rules and regs. The board felt that it would be difficult to have a talk by a speaker at our tournaments, due to all the commotion of selling entries and assigning tables.

Next Board meeting: April 21 DVBC 10:30

Adjourn at 11:55 unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted

Lyn Sacco

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