

Unit 499 BOD meeting April 21, 2013  
DVBC

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

**Absent:** Pete Boss, Judy Keilin, Carroll Brooks, Jerry Chamberlin, Jackie Zayac

Meeting called to order at 10:30 by Trisha

**Minutes:** Approved and passed unanimously; Anne moved, Bruce seconded.

**Treasurer's report:** Current Cash balance:

Savings: \$17,957

Checking: \$ 5481

Total \$23,087

Outstanding invoices/Checks \$370

Youth Bridge restricted funds \$5,060

Available Cash \$17,957

A question arose regarding membership payments we receive from ACBL. We receive payments in January and July. They accrue over six months, then are sent to us. Bruce moved to accept the report, Bill seconded; unanimous approval.

**Website development:** Background: The current website is very out of date, due to lack of participation by BOD and club owners. Consequently, most members don't use the website at all, or use it just to check scores. Trisha, along with her son, Eric and Lynne Humphrey have been working on a new web design, which would be more streamlined and easier to access.

Bill George has decided to retire from bridgeforyou.com for our unit #499's current site at the end of the year.

Grant Robinson has agreed to be the site administrator and Lynne Humphrey will be the board contact for club owners and would also work with Grant.

Beth Eggers moved that we accept the work on the new website and to create a finished product to replace our current site. Ted Gunn seconded. The motion received unanimous approval. The board was encouraged to go to the site [www.diablovalleybridge.com](http://www.diablovalleybridge.com) and make any suggestions.

**Reserve:** The board discussed whether we should make a concerted effort to spend down our cash to the board approved reserve level of \$12,500. Discussion ensued about items that had been purchased with board funds in the past-dealing machines,

bridge pads. It was determined that it would be best to approach spending on a project by project basis and not have a particular goal of spending down our cash.

April 27<sup>th</sup> Swiss Game. Jerry Chamberlain made two requests for this game. One- reduce table fees to \$3.00 (board would pay \$7 per person) Two: provide financial compensation for food, as is done at unit games- \$12 per table up to 15 tables. Discussion ensued: The board determined unanimously that they would not approve subsidizing table fees for any events. The reasoning was that there are so many events, which could ask for subsidies that the treasury would be depleted quickly. Regarding subsidizing for food expenditures, a lively discussion took place. The board currently repays clubs for unit game food expenditures up to \$180. We also provide compensation for food for Pro-Ams. Our approach has been that we will compensate for special events, but not on-going ones.

There was a motion to reimburse for the single event on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The vote was three in favor, five against and two abstaining.

**Budget:** Bruce took the first steps toward proposing a budget. He showed charts from 2010 that included the amount of revenue we received and out expenditures by segment. Anne Hollingsworth, will provide spreadsheets from 2011 and 2012, which will give us a three year income/expenditure tracking. Using this information, Bruce will be better able to propose a budget for coming years.

During this discussion, Bill Barron also mentioned that if we had a budget, it would be easier to decide how to spend any excess funds. Ex. If our net income for the year is \$3,000, we might decide that we could spend 40% of that on special events, donations, Sunday Swiss Team food, etc. during the next year.

**Publicity:** Trisha reported on all the advertising and promotion that Pete Boss has done for our upcoming Sectional in June. This includes three ads in The Forum, announcements in multiple issues of the e-declarer. E-mail announcements by ACBL and the District and flyers at multiple sites and upcoming tournaments.

Trisha encouraged board members to talk up our tournament at local games and tournaments. The more people hear our message, the more likely they are to come. One board member suggested attending games we don't usually go to, such as Livermore and Oakland and get the message out that way.

**Hospitality report:** Discussion about lunch for the upcoming Sectional. We will write a blurb in the e-declarer about the sectional providing a lunch from Max's; we will provide the sodas and the drinks. We want to keep the costs at break even for lunch.

**Game sanctions:** Andy Fine will take over scheduling game sanctions. This year we have 24 game sanctions from ACBL. Andy will approach Danville and Moraga regarding having a Unit game.

**Youth Bridge:** Charlotte Wood School has finished its 3<sup>rd</sup> week; 8-11 youths are involved. Recommend that next year volunteers get 1 day training session to understand the youth they are teaching. Bruce's youth bridge has 2 of the youth playing in Saturday morning game at DVBC and scratching. Emphasis is on a youth bridge team for next year.

**Invitational Tournament to other Clubs:** Anne Hollingsworth will contact other Clubs regarding the idea of an Invitational Tournament between the two Clubs. East Bay Unit 502, South County Unit 500, Palo Alto Unit 503, San Mateo County Unit 498 names as possible participants.

**Pleasant Hill Senior Center:** Center is being explored for possibility of a Sectional. Currently the price is \$5,000 for 3 days. Iron Horse Middle School where our Sectionals are usually held is \$1,800 for 2 days.

Go to person for the Summer Sectional is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55. Motion Anne Hollingsworth, seconded Lyn Sacco, unanimous approval.

May 19, 2013 DVBC 10:30 NEXT BOARD MEETING.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyn Sacco  
April 22, 2013