

Unit 499 BOD meeting May 19, 2013
DVBC

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

Absent: Pete Boss, Judy Keilin, Bill Barron, Anne Hollingsworth, Jackie Zayac.

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

Minutes: Approved and passed unanimously, Bruce Johnsonbaugh moved, Jane Malcuit seconded.

Treasurer's report: Available cash \$17,571.00, restricted funds \$5,060, outstanding invoices/checks \$80.00. Bruce Johnsonbaugh moved to accept, Andy Fine seconded, unanimous approval.

Budget proposal: Bruce Johnsonbaugh presented and income/expense forecast for 2013, based on trends from the last eight years, focusing on the last two years. Net earnings may be down up to \$3,000 from prior Spring Sectionals. It is difficult to predict, since we have had to change dates and locations three years in a row. Results from the Fall Sectional have been more consistent.

It is difficult to project future Sectional earnings, due to things out of our control. June 2013, has an East Bay Sectional each week. Ours will be the third out of four. This could adversely affect our income.

The Board determined that after results from this Sectional are available, we would decide about requesting a different date.

It was suggested that increasing promotion might help with attendance at Sectionals.

How to Increase ACBL/Unit Membership?

It was suggested that during Beginning Bridge Classes, the unit offer a partial fee reimbursement for students, in exchange for their name, e-mail address and other contact info. Most of them are probably not ACBL members.

This would give us a better way to contact newer players and help keep them interested. The Board decided to table this idea for a later time.

Invitational tournament: September 29, 2013 (5th Sunday in September) we will invite Unit 502 to come and play bridge with us. Morning and afternoon Pair game sessions—both for \$15; ACBL will sanction the game. The BOD will rent DVBC from Iris for \$300 -- Iris will provide beverages and snack. BOD will pay the directors, (\$200) and will keep the profits. We need to determine what color points will be awarded from ACBL.

Jane Malcuit moved to accept, Beth Eggers and Bruce Johnsonbaugh seconded, unanimous approval.

Youth Bridge: Bruce Johnsonbaugh and Beth Eggers have 2-3 youths interested in tournament play after school. Checking with other units to see how they structure their youth bridge mentoring program. DVBC Youth Bridge will continue through the summer. The challenge is not to scare away the girls. Palo Alto is staging a big youth program – problem is that it is still a school night and far away.

Beth Eggers spoke on adult mentoring program at DVBC. The Board decided to let Beth use her discretion in finding people to mentor those seeking help.

Summer Sectional: Jane Malcuit and Lynne Humphrey. The last two Spring Sectionals, unit members have been very generous in providing food.

The Board decided to cut back on what has been spent on food. This way, the amount of leftovers should be reduced.

The Board also voted to keep the cost of the Max's lunch at \$10, including gratuity and delivery. Therefore, the bag will include a sandwich and cookie. The unit will provide bags of chips and a drink. A Board member will sit at a table and sell lunches, while another person stands at the door directing people to the table.

The ice machine is still broken at Iron Horse. We offered \$500 to help the school fix it. It is not fixable and will be replaced, but not until Fall.

Forum: Writer Chris Pizarra has been the writer for our Unit in the Forum news piece which show up 6-8 times a year. He is happy to help until we find someone to take his place.

Website update: We are ready to go ahead with the launch of the new website. We will take down the notice that it is under construction. Eric will still be a backup; Grant will help out as needed.

Jackie Zayac is meeting a lot of new members in our unit. Suggestion that we have a goodwill committee partnership on the website. Lots of discussion with results that someone has to monitor that aspect of the website, and add names as they ask for partners. Google groups should solve this problem. We do not have an online directory on our website – the members cite a privacy issue. Suggestion to Jackie, that the person who is asking for contacts take some classes in order to meet bridge folks..

The Unit wants to acknowledge Bill George for all that he has done. Motion to get a \$250 gift certificate for Esin restaurant for Bill George to acknowledge all his work on

the website for the many past years. Motion by Andy Fine, seconded by Carroll Brooks, unanimous approval

Replacement for Jerry Chamberlain: Lisa Assoni has expressed an interest on being on the board. Motion to ask Lisa to join the board. Andy Fine made motion, Bruce Johnsonbaugh seconded, unanimous approval.

Unit game Lunch today: Unit Game Lunch Today: The Sunday Unit games have historically had lunch served. The Board has agreed to provide reimbursement ONLY, up to \$12 per table and up to 15 tables. We found out at the last minute, that no lunch was planned, but had been promised for today's game. Zina Stokel and Margy Evans have provided a lovely lunch. For this game ONLY, a motion was made to approve the expenses, even if they exceeded our limit of \$180. The motion was approved unanimously. Trisha O'Connor will re-contact all club owners to make sure it is understood that the Board will only reimburse.

Motion to adjourn: Carroll Brooks, Bruce Johnsonbaugh, unanimous approval..

ADJOURN AT 11:55

Next meeting July, 2013