

Unit 499 BOD Minutes
July 7, 2013
Rossmoor

Attendees: Beth Eggers, Lyn Sacco, Anne Hollingsworth, Andy Fine, Ted Gunn, Carroll Brooks, Pete Boss, Bill Barron, Lisa Assoni, Judy Keilin, Jackie Zayac, Larry Lange

Absent: Trisha O'Connor, Bruce Johnsonbaugh, Jane Malcuit, Lynne Humphrey

Meeting called to order at 10:30 by Beth Eggers

Minutes: Approved and passed unanimously, Judy Keilin moved and Bill Barron seconded.

Treasurer's report: Current Cash balances are \$28,112.00 with available cash of \$22,774.00. The Iron Horse sectional brought in revenues of \$806.00. Report accepted Judy Keilin moved and Bill Barron seconded, unanimous approval.

Sectional Report: Carroll Brooks. Fall Sectional does not have a confirmed location. We have a sanction, but cannot start publicity until we have a location. Recommendation to check out Concord Parkside as a location. Jane Malcuit wants to recruit other players to help with the many chores required for a successful tournament. There was no negative feedback, everything was positive regarding the food, set-up and running of the tournament. A motion by Bill Barron that we use the same format as we did in the spring (this one) sectional for the upcoming sectional. Seconded by Beth Eggers, only dissenting vote by Jackie Zayac.

San Francisco sectional is the only sectional with more tables. Everything we are doing to encourage 299er's to play is working. Saturday morning duplicate game is now at 7-8 tables.

Invitational Tournament: Anne Hollingsworth. Invitational tournament scheduled for Sunday, September 29, 2013 at DVBC. Unit 502 has accepted the challenge. Tunnel Tourney is the chosen name for the tournament, and Unit 502 will host it next year. Black points will be awarded; a flat fee of \$15.00 for both sessions is the fee for the day long tournament. The tournament will be held at DVBC, coffee and snacks will be provided, signups will be required, and Jerry Chamberlain will be the director. Strats to be determined by the director.

Top team winner gets a trophy. Anne Hollingsworth made a motion to name invitational tournament "Tunnel Tourney" Bill Barron seconded, unanimous approval.

New Players with 0-50 points tend to be scared of tournaments; we haven't pushed enough to have them join ACBL. There are approximately 150 people who play episodically. Motion made for a 2 week drive to join the ACBL with 2 free plays to the new member; Carroll Brooks made motion, Anne Hollingsworth seconded, unanimous approval. Motion made to have the drive for new ACBL members in September. Action item on the August agenda to assign board members to "man" tables at specific games for the drive. Unit gets money for new members, so the double free plays don't cost us that much. Unanimous approval.

Online membership: Jackie Zayac. Online directory for our unit -- Cadillac directory is Santa Cruz's; one only has to remember ACBL # to opt in name, email, phone number. The program spits out welcome letters for new members. Suggestion to go to district 21 so that all units have the same online directory. Jackie will see if she can get other units interested or just limit it to Unit 499

Old business: Bill Barron asked what more we can do as a unit to encourage new members and keep the people we have. Question to Larry Lange. Larry emphasized the benefits of belonging to ACBL and thinks that even people who play sporadically should be encouraged to join. Promote at lower level games such as Larry Miller and Carol Griffin. Will discuss this next month when we finalize the membership drive. We also need to explain the Zero Tolerance rule to the new players so that they feel comfortable calling a director if they feel intimidated.

Lisa Assoni says e-declarer is really well done! Suggestion made to reprint e-declarer articles from the bridge bulletin and display them during the membership drive and at all the games. Let people who don't look at the edeclarer see what they are missing.

New web site: No complaints on new web site.

Teacher Accreditation Opportunity: Be aware that the district is willing to present a teacher accreditation class; 20 people are the minimum requirement. Discuss it at games, and try to get teacher accreditation program under way. We have to have people volunteer for it.

Trisha will put it in her column that people who sign up and take the course can teach bridge. The class is being offered by the district. Motion on the floor having the teacher accreditation program requiring 20 people participate. Beth made a motion that Trisha put it in her column, unanimous approval.

New Ruling: 40 some district heads decided that 2 diamonds over 2 clubs does not need to be alerted. Looking for more clarification on the ruling in the future.

August 11, 2013 is the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Judy Keilin, Bill Barron seconded, unanimous approval

ADJOURN AT 11:35 UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Sacco

July 12, 2013