

Unit 499 BOD meeting
April 9, 2014
DVBC

Attendees: Trisha O'Connor, Beth Eggers, Lyn Sacco, Anne Hollingsworth, Andy Fine, Larry Lange, Lynne Humphrey, Jackie Zayac, Judy Keilin, Lisa Assoni

Absent: Bruce Johnsonbaugh, Carroll Brooks, Pete Boss, Ted Gunn

Meeting called to order: at 4:00 by Trisha O'Connor.

Minutes: Accepted and approved Judy Keilin, and Beth Eggers motion and seconded, unanimous approval.

Treasurers report:

Current Cash Balances	\$ 28,112.00
Youth Bridge restricted Funds	4,321.00
Outstanding Invoices/Checks	<u>2,757.00</u>
Available Cash	\$ 21,034.00

The unit made \$1307.29 on the Spring Sectional. This was a considerable improvement over 2013. We had 3.5 more tables for the tournament in 2014 than we had the previous year. This is noteworthy since we had only a two day tournament this year vs 2 1/2 last year. Motion to accept treasurers report, Judy and Andy, unanimous approval.

Spring Sectional Debrief: Jackie Zayac provided a report on items which should be addressed for the next Spring Sectional.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE DIABLO VALLEY SPRING SECTIONAL
MARCH 29 - 30, 2014
by Jackie Zayac, Spring Sectional Chair

The spring sectional was a very successful event. I asked for feedback from the players attending the event and received a lot of constructive criticism as well as several very positive comments. Here are the things that I would like to pass along to the Unit 499 Board of Directors and the next Sectional Tournament Chair:

- CADDY LUNCH BREAK

Dori Dolgin brought her lunch with her and ate between sessions. Kayla Gosnell did not bring her lunch and requested permission from Lynn Yokel (ACBL Director) to go out to lunch with her parents. Lynn gave Kayla permission to go to lunch. At that time, the majority of players were still completing the morning session and Lynn Yokel filled in for Kayla performing caddy duties. Nancy Boyd was not pleased that one of her directors stepped in for one of our caddies. Nancy was even more displeased with Lynn Yokel when I told her that Lynn had given Kayla permission to go to lunch with her parents. The sectional chair should prepare a caddy lunch hour policy and make sure the caddy is aware of it prior to the sectional.

- RENTAL CHAIRS AND SCHOOL CHAIRS

I rented 200 chairs from A Grande Affair in San Ramon for the sectional. Several players said that they were very uncomfortable ---- comparable or slightly better than the blue chairs the school provided for the Fall 2013 Sectional. The school head custodian told me on Friday afternoon that he was under the impression that our bridge unit would provide all the chairs we needed for the sectional. I told him that our contract called for the school providing 300 chairs, but they were so inadequate and dangerous that we chose to rent 200 chairs to supplement the school's chairs. After much discussion, I did convince the head custodian to bring the 120 gray folding chairs that the school owns over to the Commons for our use during the sectional. Please note that a lower level custodian did not want to bring the chairs and I told the head custodian we must have the chairs. He then ordered another custodian to bring the chairs to the Commons. The chair situation at San Ramon Valley HS continues to be a problem. The next sectional chair should ask specifically for the 120 gray chairs prior to the sectional. The Board of Directors should decide if it wants to continue renting 200 chairs at a cost of close to \$300.00.

- INFORMATION ON SECTIONAL FLYER ABOUT BRACKETED SWISS

Nancy Boyd pointed out to me that quite a few people wanted to play in the top bracket (who would not be able to play there based on the bracketed Swiss criteria) and they can only be allowed to play in the top bracket if we put a statement on the flyer stating that anyone can request to be placed in the top Swiss bracket. Nancy and I made an executive decision to allow those teams wanting to play in the top bracket to play in it. On future flyers, we need to include a statement similar to the following statement for bracketed Swiss: Brackets based on average number of Single Session Open Pairs masterpoints for a team. Each team plays Stratified at 0-500/1500/+ the other teams in its bracket except any team can choose to play in the top bracket. This statement was taken from the upcoming Marina Sectional on the D21 website.

- ROOM CAPACITY IN THE COMMONS AT SAN RAMON VALLEY HS

Our experience has been that Spring sectionals tend to have less attendance than Fall Sectionals. We did have 225 tables this spring. We had 63 tables on Saturday morning (compared to 75.5 Saturday morning of the Fall Sectional). For Swiss on Sunday, we had 58 tables (compared to 56 tables in the Fall). We have room for 65 tables to fit comfortably in the Commons. We added additional tables just in case we had the same turnout as the fall. We BARELY got them all in the Commons. The room is crowded with over 65 tables.

- NEW CARDS FOR UNIT OWNED BOARDS

Dori Dolgin showed me the difference in cleanliness between the cards I replaced (32 new decks) and the cards in the boards from previous sectionals. There is a marked difference in color on the edges. Dori Dolgin would like us to replace all the cards in the Unit owned boards. There are some, but very few Bridge Buddy brand cards besides the 32 decks I purchased. She would like approximately 184 new decks of Bridge Buddy cards ordered. She said they would last a very long time.

- LARGE PRINT VS. REGULAR PRINT CARDS

Several people complained to me about the large print cards. They said that they do not want to play with them. Brian Eisenberg pointed out to me that we need to have one complete set of boards with the large print cards in case we have people attend our sectionals who are visually impaired and request large print cards. This is something for the Board to decide how to handle.

- SUNDAY BRUNCH VS SUNDAY LUNCH

Everyone loved the brunch. They thought the food was outstanding. What several players did not like was having to take a long lunch break on Sunday because we do not provide lunches on site anymore. They said that given a choice, they would like us to skip the brunch and bring in lunch for sale so the break between Swiss sessions can be held to 45 minutes. This is something for the Hospitality Chair and/or the Board to decide how to handle.

- REALTOR SANDWICH BOARDS

Lisa Assoni borrowed three sandwich boards from a friend for us to use at the Spring Sectional. They worked beautifully and I would suggest borrowing them again!

- PARKING SIGNS

It rained on Saturday so I did not use our professional looking parking directional signs. I made my own and they are not attractive. Make more professional looking signs to go in the large baggies (4) purchased to hold signs in case of rain.

- DANVILLE RESTAURANT LIST

The players liked having a list of restaurants to choose from for lunch, but there was not a map on the flyer. Put a map on the back side of the restaurant list showing where the sectional is located and the location of the restaurants on the list in proximity to our sectional.

Rossmoor reimbursement for annual meeting: A motion was passed to continue reimbursing Rossmoor \$300 for refreshments for the annual meeting. (Motion: Larry Lange, Second Lisa Assoni). Attendance at the annual meeting was very small compared to prior years. The board agreed to aggressively promote next year's annual meeting. If attendance is still small, we will re-visit the reimbursement issue.

Goodwill Game award: The board approved purchase of a perpetual plaque for annual award winners' names. Beth Eggers requested \$100 for food supplies for the dinner. This was approved unanimously.

499'er sectional: Reservations required due to space requirements. September 20, 2014 is the date for this sectional. Lisa Assoni will do hospitality for the event, Beth Eggers will handle reservations. Restaurant list will be provided along with coffee and snacks.

New Board member: Mary Neff was nominated and approved unanimously for the vacant position on the Board.

July Board meeting will be July 13th at 10:30 a.m.

May 18th is the next Board meeting at DVBC at 11:00 a.m..

Adjourn at 5:15, unanimous approval
Respectfully submitted,
Lyn Sacco, Secretary
April 13, 2014