

**Unit 499 BOD meeting
September 21, 2014
Rossmoor**

Attendees: Trisha O'Connor, Anne Hollingsworth, Lyn Sacco, Larry Lange, Jackie Zayac, Lisa Assoni, Bruce Johnsonbaugh, Ted Gunn, Andy Fine, Wayne Miller, Mary Neff, Carroll Brooks

Absent: Pete Boss, Lynne Humphrey, Judy Keilin

Meeting called to order at 11:00 by Trisha O'Connor

Minutes: Motion to accept Anne Hollingsworth and Bruce Johnsonbaugh seconded, unanimous approval.

Treasurer's report: Ted Gunn

Savings:	\$ 17,615.00
Checking:	<u>3,449.00</u>
Total Cash	\$ 21,064.00

Youth bridge: \$ 4,321.00

Available cash \$ 16,743.00

Ballot report: Lyn Sacco reports on costs and associated expenses for the upcoming ballot. There are 6 candidates running for election. Bob Barnes has accepted Larry Lange's spot on the board. Motion to fund ballot expenses by Lyn, seconded by Carroll Brooks, unanimous approval.

District 21 meeting: Anne Hollingsworth gave the report on the district 21 meeting in Santa Clara.

There is the potential for a 5th regional for the district; if there is one, it is likely to be in October and Reno is a possible location (2014 is last year for the Reno Dec regional). The D21 Treasurers discussed raising table fees as ours are some of the lowest in the country; this will be discussed at the Mar 2015 meeting. Attendance at tournaments has declined throughout the country.

Since the Hyatt is the site for the Summer Regional through 2016, there is potential that the Santa Clara tournament will occur on a weekend with a 49ers home game. Parking will be the issue; 49ers own all of the parking slots available in Santa Clara.

Type of games offered at regionals is being reviewed -- knockouts attendance is down, gold rush games are up. Gold rush is so big in turnout that the tournament ran out of scoring pads for it. District 21 is considering introducing gold rush Swiss teams since the 0-750 games paying gold are well attended. More compacts are also being considered.

Jackie Ortiz is now national chairman of the GNT/NAP games. Units should review D21 Youth Support Guidelines as there is money available for youths to attend tournaments. Jim Leuker is in charge of Youth Bridge in San Francisco and might be a good resource for ideas for our youth bridge program.

ACBL spent sizable dollars to upgrade to the ACBL score system, and work has ceased. The D21 President is writing a letter requesting more information from ACBL on why the project was discontinued.

Mentoring Program: Andy wants to increase new member retention, and the process of mentor-mentee. Andy will write an article for the e-Declarer which will be a review of the mentoring program. The program needs to be defined better. Three different motions regarding the point count of mentees, with the final call of 100 points for mentee made by Carroll Brooks, seconded by Bruce Johnsonbaugh with 9 approved. Person fulfilling the mentor's role needs to be a life master; Lisa made the motion, seconded by Andy with unanimous approval.

NLM tournament: Ted Gunn. 30 morning tables, 23 afternoon tables, took in \$2,306.00, sold two ACBL memberships. Lessons learned: need for a certified director, game not posted on time, games (both morning and afternoon) did not start on time. Seems as if Unit 499 wants to do this again, the NLM's enjoyed it and wanted another crack at it. A bigger space for holding the tournament, as well as a director who could run it without the glitches would be required. Motion presented for next time to get a sanction for a Saturday game by Anne Hollingsworth, seconded by Bruce Johnsonbaugh, with unanimous approval. Trisha will ask the Elks Club for a date for next year. Lunch provision on the table for that tournament.

Fall sectional: Anne Hollingsworth reported on the chair prices. Lisa Assoni made a motion to approve \$450 for chair rental with Carroll Brooks seconding. Unanimous approval. Motion to charge higher table fees to cover chair rental quashed.

Bob Garret approached Unit 499 to make a presentation on ACBL history for the upcoming sectional in November between sessions. Because of electricity, as well as advertising issues, this proposal was put off until the Spring Sectional April 18th and 19th 2015 so that all the wrinkles could be ironed out.

Preliminary unit game presentation: Andy checked with ACBL to be allotted the same 24 Unit games for 2015 as last year.

Tunnel Tourney: Date is October 5, 2014 and we need our star players to be present.
The tournament is being held at Oakwood, at their club.

Next meeting October 26th, 2014 Sunday at DVBC

Motion to adjourn:, Anne Hollingsworth, Lisa Assoni, seconded, unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Sacco

October 11, 2014