

Unit 499 BoD Minutes

July 14, 2019

Mulligan Room, Rossmoor

Attendees: Lyn Sacco, Karen Corburn, Sam Earnhardt, Rich Ahlf, Andy Fine, Anne Hollingsworth, Bruce Johnsonbaugh, Mike Kruley, Marian Renvall, Claire Smith, and Andy Shockley

Absent: Lisa Assoni

Meeting called to order by Lyn Sacco at 10:00 am.

Minutes: Previous meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

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| Treasurer's Report: | Checking | \$26,106 |
| | Savings | <u>\$12,629</u> |
| | Total | \$38,735 |

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| Outstanding Checks | \$0 |
| Restricted Youth Bridge Funds | <u>(\$3,236)</u> |
| Available Funds | \$35,499 |

Per Byron Jenkins/ACBL Accounting following are the parameters for quarterly payments to units:

- 1) New member's dues payment is not shared with Unit
- 2) Junior's dues (under 26 years of age) are not shared with Unit
- 3) Renewal dues (including those paid for multiple years) are shared with Unit
- 4) For each paid annual membership renewal, ACBL pays the Unit \$5.39/ year
- 5) Payments are made on a quarterly basis based upon renewals received prior to cutoff date. If less than \$1,000, then that amount will be rolled over to next quarterly payment.
- 6) Annual budgeting should be based upon the expected number of renewal dues to be paid.

Summer Sectional: The Summer Sectional was a success thanks to Barbara McKay and the team effort of Board Members, Dori and others that pitched in to make this special. Attendance was higher than

usual on Saturday with 73 tables in the morning and 55.5 tables in the afternoon. Sunday was lower than normal with only 38 Swiss teams.

We did need more help at clean-up on Sunday which could have been helped with an announcement prior to the last round asking for assistance. Mike, Sam, and Anne shouldered the extra burden, but shouldn't've had to. We need to have a dress code for caddies. We should have a single e-mail contact for people outside of Unit 499 that want to search for partners. That person can then post to BridgePartner499 for them. It seems that someone outside of the board told some attendees that there would be a shuttle from Gateway without our knowledge; however Sam was able to step in and provide the unanticipated shuttle help. We need to make sure that Rossmoor announcements match our announcements. 94 out of 372 Sectional attendees were from Rossmoor. The Sectional book needs to be updated with the lessons learned from this event. Unfortunately, Barbara McKay resigned her Board Member position that was to serve the remainder of this year due to other commitments, we appreciate her work and wish her well.

Summer Sectional Hospitality: The sandwiches, chips, and cookies for \$5 with bottles of water free were well received. In comparison, Palo Alto's sectional charged \$10 for sandwiches and \$1 each for the accompaniments. Leftover sandwiches were donated to homeless and leftover chips and cookies went to Club games for Unit members to enjoy. The efforts of Marian, Lisa, and Claire were much appreciated.

Goodwill Nomination: Sam made the motion to nominate Andy Fine for his years of service to the Unit, seconded by Karen and approved unanimously. Lyn and Karen will provide the write up.

Tunnel Tourney: Andy Fine and Bruce shared concerns regarding the number of tables that could be set-up safely without using the raised portion of the room which could pose a trip hazard. It was determined that a cap of 21 tables would be utilized for the Tourney. The church was concerned about the game starting at the same time on Sunday as their 10:00 am service, so the game will start at 9:30 with registration at 9:00 am. Lunch will be at 1:00 pm and second session will start at 2:00 pm. Someone from the church will need to talk to the city about opening the gate for the bridge players to utilize the city parking lot next door on that Sunday September 22nd. We may need volunteers to help direct parking and upon Anne's suggestion we should cone off additional spaces for handicap parking. Lisa who is in charge of the food will need a person to help her with Costco shopping prior to the event. Marian volunteered to help Lisa. Anne volunteered to pick-up donut holes if needed and Rich has two cases of water if needed.

Mentoring Program: Karen said she is still getting requests for mentors. She has eleven, but always needs more. Mentors who are already playing multiple times each week often have difficulty matching their available time with mentee's available times. The needs of mentees under 20 MP are more about feeling comfortable with the game per Sam verses players with over 20 MP that Lyn cites need help with play of the hand. There was discussion about setting up games encouraging more mentor/mentee play.

Fall Sectional: Anne stated that the location may not be confirmed until early August due to dealing with the school. Our goal is to print the flyers by mid-August. The less than expected turnout for Swiss

teams on Sunday of the Summer Sectional brought about discussions to include pair games on Sunday during the Fall Sectional. Other clubs have already begun to offer pair games on Sundays which before were only team games. Palo Alto offered both 499er and 99er games on Sunday of their Firecracker Sectional with good turnout. Anne has the contact information for students that helped us during the Summer Sectional and is currently looking at competitive sandwich providers.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mike brought up an idea for free or reduced pricing for youth. There was discussion about the effectiveness of this when it had been tried previously.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 am with a motion by Sam, seconded by Marian and unanimously approved.