

Unit 508 Board of Directors Meeting  
February 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Gene Simpson

Present: Debbie Levine, Lynn Blankfort, Richard Mani, Michael Nistler,  
Ron Studen.

Absent: Jim Cohen, Alex Kinas, Gwen Toso

Minutes of the January board meeting were approved.

**Tournament Report:** Richard asked that Jim recruit 5 volunteers to set up tables for Saturday morning at 8:00 at the latest.

Richard also asked Michael to be responsible for buying a new audio system and training people on that system. He agreed to do this.

**Education:** Debbie reported that almost 100 people were already signed up for the February 21<sup>st</sup> seminar with Vicki Lerner. Debbie made a motion that in the future we charge member of other units for our seminars.. This charge would be minimal (around \$10.00), but could vary depending upon the situation. It was seconded and approved.

Debbie suggested that at the next meeting we discuss a new Mentor Program. Michael said that he will get the ACBL guidelines for that program. Gene recommended EASY BRIDGE and suggested that we could use advertising from ACBL. Gene said that we would discuss it at the March meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron announced that our bank balance is \$16,041.00. We donated \$1500.00 to the Haiti Relief Fund that was collected at the first Sunday game in February.

Ron reported on the District Board Elections.

President Bill Corliss

Vice-President: Kathy Ewing

Secretary: Cindy Kirk

Treasurer: Harvey Brody

**Unit Report:** There were 13 tables at the first Friday night Unit game on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Executive Committee:** No report

**Conduct and Ethics Committee:** Gene had a copy of 7 recommendations from the January 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of this committee. He asked me to send this to everyone, which I did. In addition, Bob Liss sent me a copy of the minutes of that same meeting.

The points addressed were : Zero Tolerance, Slow Play, Loud discussion of Hands, Convention Cards filled out, Howell table markers, better stratification of games, Use of cell phones.

Gene asked that we read this information and be prepared to discuss it in March.

**Audio equipment report:** Michael demonstrated several different systems and discussed the pros and cons of each. It was moved and seconded to let Michael purchase the new equipment within a budget of \$1500.00 that meets our needs both in audio capacity and portability.

**Website:** It was announced that Jim Cohen is now our website coordinator and that Michael Nistler will continue on the board as our web consultant.

Gene requested that Michael create an e-mail list that can be sent out when needed.

**New Business:** Ron mentioned that his term is ending this June and he nominated Ellen Schiller to be the next Treasurer of the Board. Debbie Levine's term as Education chair expires also, and she volunteered to continue on in that capacity.

We are looking for volunteers to be on the new board beginning in June 2010. A message should go out in the Double Dummy (sooner rather than later) announcing election of officers and asking for nominations and volunteers. We would like to have this information by April 20th.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> AT PICKLEWEED AT 3:30 P.M.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Blankfort, Secretary.