

Unit 508 Board of Directors Meeting
March 23, 2010

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

Present: Jim Cohen, Debbie Levine, Richard Mani, Michael Nistler, Ron Studen, Gwen Toso, Lynn Blankfort Absent: Alex Kinas
Ethics Committee members present: Bob Liss, Bob Chilvers

Conduct and Ethics Committee report: Bob Liss, chairman, reported that his committee has come up with 6 issues that he would like enforced at all clubs in order to make Bridge in Marin a more pleasurable experience. (The board has already acted upon the issue of cell phones. See January minutes)

Richard moved that we publish these 6 points in Double Dummy. It was seconded and approved with minor modifications to the wording. Bob Liss will write this article for Double Dummy, subject to Board review. In addition it was suggested that the board write a letter to Club Owners.

The minutes of the February Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance is \$13,095.00 after paying \$1972.00 for our new public address system.

Education: Debbie reported that Vicki Lerner's seminar on February 23rd was a huge success with over 100 people present. The board thanked Michael for bringing his own sound system.

Terry Terzian will be giving a seminar on Sunday May 2nd.

Tournament Report: Richard announced that the clean-up will be done by the janitors at Marin Catholic. Everything else is set and under control. Jim Cohen updated us on the fact that he already had about 4 juniors attending the sectional.

Hospitality: Gene said that Warren Wertheimer is now providing pizza for the Unit games at \$1.00 a slice. When Warren doesn't do this, Gene will provide it.

Old Business:

Public Address System. Michael demonstrated our new system that is easy and light weight. Michael agreed to purchase an additional microphone for about \$50.00. Richard thanked Michael for buying a terrific system and both Jim and Michael agreed to try to sell the old system.

Mentor Program: Michael researched old files and e-mailed the Board all the information from ACBL regarding this program. Lynn recommended that we all read through these web sites and discuss it at the next meeting.

Advertising: ACBL will provide \$750.00 if we spend \$250.00 in advertising bridge to new players, whether it be an EZ Bridge program or the Audrey Grant program. Richard moved that we think about developing such a program and discuss it next month. It was seconded and approved.

New Business:

Unit phone number: Gene said that there is not one central unit phone number for people to contact regarding Marin Bridge games. Michael said he would research an answering service and other options that we could discuss next month.

Gene also recommended that we discuss getting computer key-pads to replace travelers for scoring.

Lynn moved that Kathy Sanders be elected to the Board. Debbie seconded the motion and it was approved.

Debbie volunteered to head the election committee.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY APRIL 20TH
AT PICKLEWEED AT 3:30 P.M.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Blankfort, Secretary.