

Unit 508 Board of Directors Meeting
April 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Gene Simpson at 3:40 p.m.

The full board was in attendance. Gene Simpson, Jim Cohen, Ingrid Purcell, Sue Parker, Debbie Levine, Gwen Toso, Kathy Sanders, Ellen Schiller and Lynn Blankfort.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: There is a balance of \$13,569.71.

Membership Report: Our membership totals 615.

Nominating Committee: Ingrid reported that four members of the Board had their term ending in June. Both Gene Simpson and Lynn Blankfort agreed to stay on for another two years and Gwen Toso and Jim Cohen declined to remain on the Board. Ann Herner has agreed to write the Double Dummy and join the Board. Bob Greenwood will help with the Double Dummy as he has in the past. Sue Bowser is willing to come on the Board and Frank Aftowicz is a good possibility. A discussion of the by-laws ensued and Ingrid will be researching them and will forward a copy for us to read prior to the next meeting.

Education: Debbie announced that Vicki Lerner was speaking on Sunday August 28, 2011. Our September speaker will be Barbara Seagram on Saturday September 17, 2011. The East Bay would like to share advertising with us for this week-end.

Tournament Report: We have a profit of \$4078.34. Next year we need better playing cards, duplicated boards and improved coffee and coffee pots. We also want to do a better job at greeting participants. Kathy asked that we e-mail her with any other suggestions for next year, which will be April 21st and April 22nd of 2012.

Hospitality: Our Awards Banquet is June 12th. Cindy Blum offered to help with the planning of this day. A request of \$450.00 was approved for the catering of the event. Gene will call ACBL regarding the awards for The Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney winners.

We will talk about the date of the Christmas party at our next meeting.

Old Business: The figures for each positions budgetary need are requested to be sent to Debbie.

Mentor Program: There have been 25 mentor/mentee partnerships placed so far. At the unit game, Fred Stout didn't to accept a mentor's voucher as payment. Sue will call Fred about the Mentor Program vouchers and explain the

policy. Debbie commended Sue on this Program, which has been extremely successful.

Dealing machine: Jim advised that our contract is written and when Bob Crossley submits his bill, we will bill Peggy for her share.

Unit Games: There were 15 ½ tables at the Saturday April 23rd Unit Game at Crossley Center, and it was agreed that it was a success and would probably continue.

There was another complaint regarding fragrances while playing bridge. It has been addressed in Double Dummy.

New Business: It was recommended to have Purell at all games.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 6th at Pickleweed following the game.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Blankfort, Secretary.