

**Unit 508 Board of Directors Meeting
October 5, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 3:45p.m. by Gene Simpson

Secretary's Report: The September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$17,333.49 in our account. Our insurance is due shortly and Kathy moved that we approve that Ellen pay the \$500.00 (approximately) that is due. Lynn seconded the motion and it was approved.

Membership: There are now 647 members. Ingrid is still in the process of eliminating the deceased members from our roster.

Education: Barbara Seagram Seminar netted the unit \$4582.13. The day was an overwhelming success. There were 153 attendees and Debbie prepared a spread sheet for the event.

Debbie would like to invite more local directors to speak.

Gene announced that he will be giving a seminar in Terra Linda on Losing Trick Count.

Tournament Report: Kathy reported that the contract is the same as last years. For 2012 the flyer needs clarification of the brackets and masterpoints. Kathy will check with Peggy about the division of the strata.

Gene recommended that we have a defribulator on the premises during the Tournament. It was felt that Marin Catholic should have one and Kathy will check. We also approved hiring Michael Nistler for the PA system that week-end. We approved buying one urn of decaf and one of regular coffee to get started in the morning.

Hospitality: Kathy moved that the Christmas party and card fees for the game following are free to Unit Members. Members would be asked to make a donation to Homeward Bound of Marin. Ingrid seconded the motion and it was approved. There will also be a 0-99 section at this game, which needs publicity.

Old Business: Double Dummy: Laura e-mailed the template to Anne and all copy should be in by this Friday.

Electronic Scoring Pads: There was a discussion as to whether the Unit should purchase them. There was further discussion about how they could be shared by the whole Unit either by renting them or subsidizing each director who wishes to use (or buy?) them.

Saturday Crossley Unit Games. The participation at these games has been decreasing over the past few months, despite Crossley starting a regular Saturday game. Bob will ask if they want to continue the Unit game and if they will accept the same conditions as currently in effect.

New Business:

Sue Bowser remarked that the Table Cards are dirty and will research the cost for new ones.

Ingrid wants to buy New Life Master Pins from Baron Barclay.

Bob moved that we establish a cost for advertising in the Double Dummy and suggested \$25.00 for ¼ page for educational topics. Debbie seconded the motion and it was approved. We discussed advertising on our website. We further considered the cost of advertising on our website under the education heading, but not on the home page.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday November 16th at Terra Linda following the game.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Blankfort, Secretary