

**Unit 508 Board of directors meeting
September 12, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 3:35p.m. by Bob Haar.

Present: Debbie Levine, Ingrid Purcell, Kathy Sanders, Ellen Schiller, Anne Herner, Lynn Blankfort and Sue Parker. Gene Simpson arrived at 3:45 p.m.
Absent: Sue Bowser and Frank Aftowicz.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved as written

Membership Report: Ingrid reported that we gained one member and we now have 641 members in Unit 508.

Treasurer's Report: After receiving payment for the Unit games at both Crossley and Terra Linda, we have \$19, 932.93 in our account. Ellen calculated that there were 86 free plays at Peggy's due to the Mentor Program.

Education Report: Debbie updated the Board on the Barbara Seagram Seminar. There are 150 people signed up with a huge waiting list. Debbie asked Board members who will be attending to please come early and help. Two urns of regular coffee will be purchased at Starbucks prior to the Seminar. Kathy Venton of Santa Rosa will be handling the books that will be for sale. Michael Nistler has agreed to set up the P.A System and we will pay him \$25.00 per hour. The projected expenses are about \$3500.00 and the projected net profit should be about \$4000.00.

Debbie is following the Internet Seminars held in the East Bay recently. She surveyed those attending the Vicki Lerner Seminar in Marin about holding these type of seminars here and 48 said yes, 16 maybe's and 2 no votes. She will explore a venue for these in Marin.

Gene discussed a Seminar on *Losing Trick Count* prior to an upcoming Unit Game.

Double Dummy: Bob recommended that any published information coming from Unit 508 should have our website address printed

Laura Fraser will email a template to Anne for Double Dummy.
Roy would like his Tiburon game to have some publicity in upcoming issues.

The Board would also like to see a list of all weekly and Unit games along with the upcoming Tournaments in the Double Dummy.
The next issue should be out around the second week of October.

Tournament Report: Kathy is concerned about the contract with Marin Catholic and will bring it to the next Board meeting.

Bob would like to publicize the NAP Qualifying game on Jackie Ortiz's website.

Hospitality: The food is under control for almost all of the Unit games.

Mentor Program: Sue reported that there are now 57 people being mentored and 7 on the waiting list. Kathy moved to allocate another \$2000.00 to continue this program. Debbie seconded the motion and it was approved.

Old Business: Bob met with Janet Crossley and received a receipt for the Dealing Machine from Baron Barclay. As yet, Crossley has not paid the use tax and we told them that we would pay it. Janet expressed a desire to be part of Unit 508 and was willing to have someone from the Board make Unit announcements at any of her games. Janet felt that the Unit has been leaning heavily to the Terra Linda Club especially by the Unit 508 Website. Bob looked into it and corrected the website to accurately reflect the Crossley games. Everyone agreed that the goal is promoting Bridge in Marin and being able to work together to that end.

New Business: Ingrid nominated Ellen Weingart to be nominated for Volunteer of the Year from our Unit. Bob seconded the motion. The Board again proposed Lura Crossley for the Goodwill Award.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 5th at TERRA LINDA.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 by Gene Simpson.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Blankfort, Secretary.