

## **Unit 508 \* Board of Directors Meeting Minutes \* April 18, 2005**

**Roll Call:** President Ann Reed called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm, The Unity Center at Hamilton AFB, Novato. Present: Ann Reed, Richard Goldberg, Julie Coffin, Bob Liss, Nancy Herzog, Cassandra Mani and arriving later: Paula Jaffe and Bob Greenwood. Absent: Bill Dietrich.

**Secretary's Report:** Previous minutes read and approved. Copies of the updated "Board of Director's Roster" distributed (and emailed). The updated ACBL's "Policy and Procedures for Ethic Violations" copied and given to Bob L., chairperson of the Ethics Committee.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance is \$8,800.77 with one outstanding check and a charge for food from the Marin Sectional yet to be drawn.

**Newsletter Report:** The revised "Unit Calendar for 2005" will soon be printed in a different color in order to differentiate the new calendar from the previous 2005 calendar.

**Vice-President's Report:** Key chain, not lapel pin, was the preferred award for those men achieving life master status. The key chains will have to be engraved and ready before the May 22nd, 2005 awards party. Discussion ensued re: the Unit's four trophies awarded each year. Vote to retire the trophies: 4 for, 1 abstention, 1 opposed; so retired. Bob L. will ask Lura Crossley if she would care to display the trophies in her trophy case in Greenbrae. Vote to instead print award certificates, suitable for framing: 5 for, 1 opposed. Ann requested Cass to create and print the award certificates. Bob L. will email Cass with the information pertaining to the Marin Sectional winners.

**Membership Report:** The Board requested Julie to print out copies of the new ACBL's "Unit 508 Membership Roster" for the next meeting. Net membership: 494; 7 in and 6 out this past month.

**Education Report:** Bridge-in-Schools program continues. Bruce Noda will host a tournament for these kids on May 12, 2005 at the Crossley Bridge Club. Nancy will call the Ross-Kentfield Recreation Center and see if the center would be interested in having Bruce teach a morning class this summer. Lots of activity for the mentoring program and Nancy is in the process of finding new mentors. She asks the Board to notify her if we know of members interested in becoming mentors.

**Tournament Report:** Bob distributed a two-page written summary of the recent Marin Sectional. He was delighted to report a profit of over \$2000, with the highest table count in four years. The volunteers did a fantastic job and all worked hard to make the tournament the success it was. Bob requested the Board's permission to single out one specific volunteer for recognition; granted. Ann instructed Nancy to buy a plant and she would write a "thank you" letter to accompany the gift. Discussion ensued concerning two problems that occurred: a vandalized large pane window whose shards damaged a director's laptop computer and a "Zero Tolerance" violation. The Board received a

“formal complaint” letter from one of the witnesses to the violation and Ann called the alleged victim and heard her side of the story, collaborating the complaint letter. Complaint referred to the Ethic Committee chairperson. Bob L. will reclude him self, since he is one of the witnesses to the violation. The Board agreed that the situation presented a conflict of interest and granted Bob L. the discretion to appointment an experienced, temporary replacement. Board voted unanimously to use the Marin Catholic High School again for our Spring 2006 sectional.

**Old Business:** Ann passed out a revised copy of the “By-laws” and “Policies and Procedures” guild lines to be read and commented upon. Tabled until next meeting. Ann distributed the phone call assignments to contact those under-20-masterpoint players and to recruit them to play in our local clubs.

**New Business:** Bob L. and Ann reported replacements found beginning July 1, 2005 for the following Board positions: President - Richard Goldberg, Vice-President - Fred Stout, Secretary - Barbara Cooper and, as previously noted, Bob Sampson for Forum writer. Marilyn Cleland submitted the menu for the May Awards party and Ann gave the Board’s approval.

**Adjournment:** Next meeting will be held May 9, 2005, 3:45 pm, at The Unity Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cassandra Mani, Secretary, on March 16, 2005.