

UNIT 508 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2005

Roll Call: President Richard Goldberg called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. at the Unity Center at Hamilton AFB, Novato. Present: Richard Goldberg, Bob Liss, Paula Jaffe, Nancy Herzog, Bill Dietrich, Fred Stout, Bob Greenwood, and Barbara Cooper. Absent: Julie Coffin.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the meetings of June 13, 2005 and July 18, 2005 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Jaffe reported that the Unit had a balance of \$7,945.80 as of 8-22-05. She also presented the fiscal year financial report as of June 30, 2005. It was discussed that, since the Unit was in a sound cash position, it might be a good time to contribute to some charitable organizations or use some funds to further promote school bridge programs. It was decided to make no recommendations until we know that there will be a Sectional next year.

Membership Report: Julie Coffin was absent. Due to the length of the meeting, her submitted report was not presented to the Board.

Newsletter Report: Bob Greenwood stated that Unit Directors have been very cooperative in providing articles to the Double Dummy.

Education Report: Nancy Herzog reported that the bridge program in middle schools in Marin will continue this school year. There has also been interest shown in starting lessons in some of the local high schools. Nancy purchased three copies of a book entitled "The Fun Way to Serious Bridge." This book is available for mentors, as well as any Unit member, to borrow from Nancy. Jim Cohen will continue to take responsibility for the Marin School Program this year. Ideas were presented as to how to encourage students to play bridge. It was suggested that students not have to pay if they want to participate in Unit games. It was also suggested that the Marin IJ be invited to observe a lesson in progress at one of the schools and possibly write an article about the program.

Tournament Report: Bob Liss is still working with Marin Catholic High School to obtain a date for the Marin Sectional. Marin Catholic should be able to provide a date in the next few weeks. There was discussion as to whether or not the Unit wanted to sponsor a Pro-Am Unit Game next year and/or an Individual Game. It was decided to continue both. The Pro-Am Game will be February 26, 2006, and the Individual Game will be September 24, 2006.

Unit Coordinator Report: Bill Dietrich presented two sizes of calendars for next year for the Board's comments. It was decided to go with the slightly larger calendar which included Unit, Sectional and Regional dates. 300 calendars will be printed as soon as the Sectional date is finalized.

Old Business: The Ethics Committee, consisting of James Cohen, Robbie Lyons and Elliot Fraser, presented their final report on the “Zero Tolerance” complaint which was filed earlier this year. The Board voted to accept their report and thanked them for all the time and effort they put forth in the investigation. It was agreed that an article reiterating the Unit’s Zero Tolerance Policy will occur in a future Double Dummy.

The Board had further discussion concerning amendment of the Unit Bylaws. Cogent comments submitted by Ron Ingram were discussed, specifically relating to quorum language in Article IV and Section A. of Article II. It was also discussed that we eliminate Policy No. 7 in the Marin Unit #508 Policies and Procedures. Ratifying of the Unit Bylaws will take place at a future meeting.

The next meeting of the Board will take place on Monday, September 19, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Barbara Cooper, Secretary, for the meeting on August 22, 2005.