

UNIT 508 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2006

Roll Call: President Richard Goldberg called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. at the Unit Center at Hamilton AFB, Novato. Also present: Fred Stout, Barbara Cooper, Robert Liss, Bob Greenwood, Nancy Herzog, Ann Reed, Mayday Card, Paula Jaffe
Absent: Bill Dietrich

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the meeting of November 16th were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Paula reported that the Unit had a balance of \$9,336.18 as of 12-31-05. She will send this balance to the District as required for year end. This balance does not include the Unit Game money for November and December.

She reported that \$546 was sent to ACBL Charity Foundation as a result of the Unit's Holiday Charity Party proceeds.

Paula was asked how many "free plays" were given out during the last six months to new members from the Membership Committee. She replied that there were 10-12 provided.

Vice President's Report: Fred had nothing to report.

Newsletter: Bob Greenwood asked the Board if it was interested in having the Double Dummy printed in color, since he now has that capability. After discussion, the Board decided against this added expense, since it would preclude printing the Double Dummy on colored paper. It was felt that having it on colored paper made it more noticeable on tables at the various venues.

Bob passed around the next edition for review. It was suggested that an article about the upcoming Pro-Am game be added. It was decided to use the same article that was used last year.

Rich iterated that in order to make Bob's job as Double Dummy editor a littler easier, it was important that we make a concerted effort to get material and corrections to him in a timely manner.

Membership Report: Ann reported that our total number of members now stands at 518. This is the highest number in a long time. We are fourth in the District as far as number of new members.

She reported that we receive money from the ABCL every three months based on the number of people in our Unit who renew their membership. The last check received was in the amount of \$416.

Tournament Report: Bob Liss reported that the contract has been signed with Marin Catholic High School for the April 29-30th Sectional and that insurance was in place for the event. Marsha Sampson was volunteered to do the hospitality for this event.

Education Report: An article about the Unit's mentoring program is scheduled to appear in the next Double Dummy. It is hoped that the article will spark renewed interest in the program.

Hospitality Report: Mayday presented guidelines to the Board for hospitality at Unit Games. Members bringing refreshments will:

- a. Receive 4 free Unit plays (equivalent to \$32)
- b. Bring sufficient food for 12 tables
- c. Set up food before game and clean up food area afterwards
- d. Suggested food to bring:

- Chips/dip
- Veggies – Cooked or raw
- Salads
- Sandwiches
- Cookies/cake/pies
- Candy

Mayday talked about the difficulty in getting members who regularly attend the Unit Games to volunteer to provide refreshments. She showed the Board a poster that she and Bob Greenwood developed which will be displayed at the Club games asking for help. Rich asked her to peruse the Unit game results for the last couple of months and provide him with a list of regular attendees. He volunteered to write these people apprising them of the need for their cooperation.

OLD BUSINESS

The article on the Pro-Am game was again mentioned under Old Business. Various Board members volunteered to "talk up" the game at the local clubs. Ann Reed again volunteered to coordinate the partnerships at the game.

NEW BUSINESS

Laura Fraser sent the Board a letter concerning the amount of time she spends on updating the Website and the work that it entails. We presently pay her a hosting fee of \$22.95 each month. She has requested that she be paid \$50 per month for the many hours that she puts into periodically fixing the site by updating and adding pages. She has also requested a one time payment of \$350 for the extra work she has had to do to update the calendar pages for 2006 for each club listed on the site. It was moved and seconded that the Unit authorize a one time payment of \$350 to Laura and pay her an honorium each month of \$72.95.

Rich stated that since the Unit is responsible for what appears on the website for our Unit and that we need someone to interface with Laura. Fred volunteered to assume this function.

The next meeting of the Board will occur on Monday, February 20, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Cooper, Secretary, for the meeting on January 16, 2006.