

UNIT 508 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2006

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the meeting of January 16, 2006 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: In Paula Jaffe's absence, Richard reported that the Unit had a balance of \$9,145.

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

Newsletter Report: Richard reported that Bob Greenwood has tendered his resignation as Newsletter Editor; however, he will stay on to publish the April newsletter. Richard is talking to possible candidates to assume this role.

Membership Report: Ann reported that the Unit presently has a total of 522 members.

She now has the winners of the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney races for 2005. The Board authorized her to order the appropriate medallions and certificates for these awards. They will be given out at the May 7th Unit Game.

Richard stated that he is continuing the practice of sending out letters of congratulations to new Life Masters in the Unit.

It was also noted that new members receive a membership roster, a roster of Unit Games for the year and a welcoming free gift from the Unit.

Tournament Report: Bob reported that he has chosen the dates of April 21 and 22, 2007 for the Sectional Tournament. The Board approved these dates and he will now apply for sanction from the ACBL.

Bob requested that the Board encourage members this week at the local clubs to attend the Unit's annual Pro-Am Game which occurs on February 26th in Terra Linda. Last year we had a turnout of 13 tables. Ann Reed is in charge of partnerships.

Bob also suggested that the Board approve increasing the number of free plays from four to six (monetary value \$48) to those people who volunteer to provide refreshments at a Unit Game or special event. The Board moved and seconded this motion.

Hospitality Report: Mayday prepared a chart showing the Unit Games for the year and the names of people who have volunteered to provide refreshments for each event. She would like to post this at the Unit Games in a prominent spot so that people are aware of which future

events need volunteers as well as recognizing those people who have already signed up to “to do their part.” The Board agreed that this was a good idea. The chart will be posted on the window of the kitchen area at each Unit Game.

The Awards Party is scheduled for May 7th, and a person needs to be found who will handle coordination of refreshments.

New Business: Jim Cohen, one of the Unit’s District 21 representatives along with Nancy Ferguson, provided the Board with an update of District 21’s last meeting held on February 19th at the Santa Clara Regional. He discussed some of the major points of the meeting and gave each Unit member a copy of his notes.

He stated that the Unit needs to find a new alternate representative since Lida Butler, our current alternate, is no longer active in bridge activities.

Nancy Ferguson sent out a survey to Unit members regarding the holding of knockouts on the final weekend of regional tournaments which would conflict with National Pairs events. The results were about 50/50, so the schedule will remain as is with no knockouts being scheduled.

It was noted that San Francisco will be a host city for the 2012 Nationals.

Bob Liss is looking for candidates to caddy the April Sectional. Cindy Kirk has stated that she has two candidates lined up who are part of her school bridge program. Two more candidates are needed; however Richard and Bob did not think this will be a problem.

Nancy Herzog reported on our Unit’s past program of providing a training day for Unit members in which a prominent speaker is brought in to lecture on various bridge topics and provide training hands to reinforce the topic. This has been done in the past but has been abandoned because of the cost and the lack of a suitable venue for such an event. The Board discussed reintroducing this program, but not in the immediate future. Richard asked Nancy to identify one or two topics that would be good for a Professional Speaker Day.

Richard also discussed the need to find interested candidates to assume the six Board positions which will become available in June. Richard asked the Board for suggestions.

The Board approved combining the position of Unit Coordinator and Hospitality Coordinator into one Board position.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Cooper, Secretary, for the meeting on February 20, 2006.