

UNIT 508 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2005

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the meeting of August 22, 2005 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Jaffe was absent, and no report was presented.

Membership Report: Julie Coffin reported that our total membership now stands at 510.

Newsletter Report: Bob Greenwood was absent and no report was given. There was no information available on the status of a future article in the Double Dummy regarding "zero tolerance."

Education Report: Nancy Herzog had nothing new to report except that her email address has changed to AHERZOG1@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Tournament Report: Bob Liss received approval from Marin Catholic High School to hold the Marin Sectional for 2006 on April 29th and 30th. Marin Catholic has raised their fee to \$850 per day, up from \$750 per day in 2005. This is still considered a "bargain." We are also responsible for paying for their janitorial service to clean up after the event.

Bob also discussed the reduced participation of members at Unit games this year. There has been a steady decline in attendance, and there was discussion as to why this was occurring and how to improve participation. It was suggested that Peggy Tatro be invited to a future meeting to receive her input into the situation.

Unit Coordinator Report: Bill Dietrich was absent and no report was presented.

Old Business: It was decided to postpone ratification of the Bylaws until Bob Greenwood was in attendance since he was so involved with the project.

Bob Liss discussed the makeup of the Ethics Committee. It was his feeling, and the Board agreed, that the chairman of the committee should be an attorney. He recommended to the Board that Bob Chilvers be selected to chair the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee and that Bob be allowed to select his own committee members. Bob has previously talked to Mr. Chilvers, and Mr. Chilvers agreed to serve as chairman. The Board approved Bob's recommendation.

It was decided that contributing to Katrina Relief Effort would be in conjunction with the annual Christmas Party, with possibly contributing the money earned from this event to the Relief Fund.

New Business:

Cassandra Mani has made a request to the Board to reimburse her for expenses for a booth she rented on her own initiative at the annual Marin County Senior Informational Fair to be held on October 19, 2005. She hopes to foster an interest in bridge activities in Marin from the participants at the fair. She has asked for a total of \$266 to cover the cost of her booth, decorations, food and an ACBL t-shirt. After discussion, the Board proposed that Ms. Mani's idea to encourage new members might be tied to District 21's Membership Drive. The unit that signs up the most new memberships to the ACBL from the period of June 1 to December 31, 2005 will be awarded the top prize. It was moved and seconded that the Unit would reimburse Ms. Mani for her expenses if, through her efforts at the fair, the Unit would win the Membership Drive contest.

The Board discussed an idea sent to them for members to distribute their old Bridge Bulletins at doctor's and dentist's offices (with all personal information taken out such as the personal bridge score page and mailing label). It was agreed that this was excellent idea. The Board will ask Bob Greenwood to write an article about this in the next Double Dummy.

It was decided that Unit members who want a copy of the membership roster can continue to purchase one from Peggy Tatro who charges \$1 for the cost of printing. Given the fact that Peggy offers this service, the Board did not feel that they should take on this activity.

The next meeting of the Board will take place on Monday, October 17, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Barbara Cooper, Secretary, for the meeting on September 19, 2005.