

UNIT 508 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2005

Before calling the meeting to order, Ann thanked the Board for the gift she received for her term as President and also thanked everyone for their support during the past year.

Roll Call: President Ann Reed called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m., The Unity Center at Hamilton AFB, Novato. Present: Ann Reed, Bob Liss, Julie Coffin, Paula Jaffe, Bill Dietrich. Absent: Richard Goldberg, Nancy Herzog, Bob Greenwood, and Cassandra Mani. Guests: Fred Stout (Incoming Vice President) and Barbara Cooper (Incoming Secretary).

Secretary's Report: In Cassandra Mani's absence, the minutes of the May 9, 2005 meeting were approved. Ann Reed is going to request that Cass update the Unit Board roster to include the new people on the Board before she leaves office.

Treasurer's Report: Paula reported that the Unit had a balance of \$8,699.12 as of 6-13-05. She stated that she is working on the fiscal year financial report due June 30, 2005.

Membership Report: Julie reported that total membership at this time in 497, an increase of 6 people over last month.

Newsletter Report: Bob Greenwood was absent, and there was no Newsletter Report.

Education Report: Nancy Herzog was absent, and there was no Education Report.

Tournament Report: Ann asked Bob Liss if a date had been picked for next year's Sectional at Marin Catholic High School. He stated that he cannot confirm a date until August when Marin Catholic firms up their calendar of events for the coming year.

Unit Coordinator Report: Ann requested that Bill Dietrich start working on next year's calendar. He will contact either Nancy Ferguson or Jim Cohen regarding calendar information.

Old Business: It was decided that congratulatory letters be sent to all ACBL category winners, including the "Rookie" classification, since this might give added incentive to new players. In an effort to encourage new players, Paula has called people listed on the roster with 0-10 points. She has obtained some "positive feedback" from these calls. On the other hand, calls have been made by Jim Cohen's secretary to people from the roster who have not played in awhile in an effort to renew their interest. This has not been successful since the roster is not a reliable source of current membership. The Board's idea to have a special strat for beginning players has been found to not be feasible since local clubs can have only 3 strats in a game and there must be a certain percentage of players in each strat. There are not enough 0-10 players to make up a separate strat.

Ann reported that the roster of Unit 508 Board members and minutes of each Board Meeting are now posted on the website.

The Ethics Committee reported that the recent “Zero Tolerance” issue has not been resolved to date.

The revised By Laws and Policies and Procedures were approved at the meeting. In accordance with the By Laws, it was determined that these documents must be posted at local clubs, the Unit website and in the Double Dummy before ratification. Since the Double Dummy does not come out until next month, it was decided to wait to post these documents at clubs and the website to coincide with its publication. When these documents are posted, the membership will have 30 days to comment before ratification. Ann will tell Bob Greenwood to publish the By Laws in the next issue so that the ratification process can proceed.

New Business: Any nominations for National Goodwill Award should be given to Rich Goldberg, chairman of the Goodwill Committee.

Rich Goldberg wants to change the meeting date from the second Monday of each month to the third Monday of each month. In accordance with this, the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, July 18th at the same location.

Paula Jaffe has offered to look into putting the Board’s funds into an interest bearing account. She will look for a bank that does not charge a fee for this service.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Barbara Cooper, acting as Secretary for the meeting on June 13, 2005.