

UNIT 508 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2006

Roll Call: Vice President Fred Stout called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at Pickleweed Recreation Center in San Rafael. Present: Barbara Cooper, Robert Chilvers, Jerome Meislin, Marc Franklin, Ann Reed, Jim Washburn, and Joan Abramson. Absent: Richard Goldberg. Also present: Nancy Ferguson

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the meeting of August 2006 were approved with minor corrections.

Special Report: Nancy Ferguson, our Unit 508 representative to District 21, reported on the District meeting at the All Western Regional.

She informed the Board that each Unit was responsible for providing volunteers for a day at the 2007 National. She said that we need to provide approximately 30 volunteers. The exact date needed is not known at this time.

Roger Smith is looking for names to submit to serve on the National Charity Committee. A requisite for the position is that the person be involved in charity work as well as being active in the bridge community.

District 21 authorized a donation to the UCSF Pediatric Brain Cancer Research Department in the amount of the \$1,000 to honor Joey Crowley, a bridge student who recently died from this disease.

District 21 and five other national districts get to choose the charities that ACBL will be donating money to in 2007. Recommendations for those charities to receive funds should be forwarded to Jeff Hack, Charity Chairman for ACBL.

She reminded the Board that Units have to pay for ads in the "Forum." We have been doing that.

District 21 is looking for donations of miles and/or cash to sponsor "pro" caddies to attend nationals.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry reported that we have a balance of approximately \$12,000 at this time.

Vice President's Report: Nothing to report.

Newsletter Report: Bob stated that he has been getting a lot of good material for the Double Dummy. He requested that in Richard's absence, Fred provide an opening statement for the upcoming issue regarding the need for volunteers to help the Unit.

Membership Report: Ann reported that the Unit presently has a total of 529 members, of which 480 receive the Bridge Bulletin. She reported that of the 529 members, 110 were Bronze Life Masters or above. She stated that each new member of the Unit receives a “free play” good at any of the Unit’s clubs, a roster, and a game schedule. She requested that Laura Frazier update the game schedule on the Website.

Tournament Report: Jim said that the Spring Sectional at Marin Catholic was scheduled for April 21 and 22 at Marin Catholic. Jim will check with Bob Liss regarding the insurance requirements for the event. There was some discussion concerning reinstating the Fall Sectional. Nancy Ferguson stated that we needed to get a sanction to hold a Fall Sectional whether or not we used the date.

Hospitality Report: Joan Abramson has replaced Alyce Zahorsky as Hospitality Chairperson. Joan reported that Unit Games’ hospitality requirements are covered through the end of the year.

Education Report: Marc Franklin led a discussion regarding the Unit sponsoring a training day with a speaker brought in. The main focus of the discussion was at what level the speaker should be addressing his instruction—the advanced player, the novice, or the intermediate. He also asked for suggestions as to who the Unit should ask to do the seminar. No final decisions were made.

Old Business: The Unit is still looking for volunteers to handle the Unit Christmas Party.

Even though we are now covered under the ACBL for liability insurance, it was decided to renew the policy we have which covers Unit Directors. This insurance costs \$500 per year.

The Unit is looking for a volunteer to be a reporter for “The Forum”.

New Business: Fred asked myself and Jerry to review the Unit calendar.

The next meeting of the Board will occur on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 3:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Cooper, Secretary, for the meeting on September 18, 2006.