

## **Unit 508 \* Board of Directors Meeting Minutes \* March 14, 2005**

**Roll Call:** President Ann Reed called the meeting to order at 3:55 pm, Pickleweed Community Center, San Rafael. Present: Ann Reed, Richard Goldberg, Julie Coffin, Bob Greenwood and Cassandra Mani. Absent: Bill Dietrich, Paula Jaffe, Bob Liss and Nancy Herzog. Guest appearances: Roy Hoppe and Jim Cohen.

**Secretary's Report:** Previous minutes read and approved. Ann asked Cass to update and distribute the "Marin County Duplicate Bridge Games" roster. Copy to be sent to the Double Dummy.

**Treasurer's Report:** Absent but Paula reported to Ann a current bank balance of \$6,204.40

**Newsletter Report:** This issue of Double Dummy will be published early as an advertisement for our Marin Sectional. Bob "thanked" members for their efforts in submitting their articles early.

**Vice-President's Report:** Ann received Jay's written estimate of costs for engraving at \$65 per gold women's medallion. Further discussion tabled re: men's lapel pin vs. key chain.

**Membership Report:** Last month's net was 493 members and this month's net is 494. Six new members, 2 transfers in and 2 transfers out, and the rest were members deleted from the rolls for lengthy non-payment records. Congrats to George Economy for attaining silver life master level.

**Tournament Report:** Absent but Bob reported to Ann that we are "on schedule".

### **Guests:**

Roy Hoppe came to give the Unit 508 Board "official notice" of venue and schedule changes. Beginning April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the Hoppe Bridge Club temporarily moves to Hamilton AFB Unity Center, 600 Palm Drive, Novato. Noon start time on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Jim Cohen distributed minutes and reported on the February 20th, 2005 District 21 meeting. He spoke with Bob Liss about conflicting default sectional tournament dates and the need to speak with Charles Smith if more date changes were required for 2006 and 2007. Jim reminds us that District 21 distributes \$3000.00 worth of annual charity monies and to submit requests early for our favorite charity. Cass had submitted a request in December 2004, via email to Jill Wood, but unknown if ever received. Will resubmit request.

Jim reported that he secured all the caddies for our April Sectional and intends to oversee the Bridge-in-Schools program again. The District 21 program he heads for teaching non-

bridge players at sectionals and regionals is temporarily “on hold” due to lack of Chairpersons and Certified Teachers.

**Old Business:** Ann reports the Bylaws committee will be ready next week to submit proposed changes and copies will be distributed at the next Board meeting.

**New Business:** Board voted unanimously to move the date of the December Holiday Party from the 18<sup>th</sup> back to the 4<sup>th</sup>. Ann will notify Janet Russell to make the change on the Unit Calendar. Unit Pair game will then be November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Board Officers for July 2005: Ann Reed and Cassandra Mani gave notice of retirement as had Michael Nistler (Forum Column Writer) previously. Vice-President Richard Goldberg will replace Ann Reed as President. The Board will begin the search for Secretary, Vice President and Forum Writer replacements.

Ann suggested the Board contact our members in the 0-10 master point range only and encourage club play. Discussion ensued. Board voted to equally divide the names and personally call each listed member (in this category) to offer encouragement to play in our local clubs and assistance to help in this transition if needed. Also to collect data on “why” the member cannot or will not continue to play in our clubs.

**Adjournment:** Next meeting will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 4 pm at a “yet to be decided” location.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cassandra Mani, Secretary, on March 16, 2005