

UNIT 508 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2007

Roll Call: President Richard Goldberg called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. at Pickleweed Recreation Center in San Rafael. Present: Richard Goldberg, Fred Stout, Barbara Cooper, Robert Chilvers, Jim Washburn, Joan Abramson and Jerry Meislin. Absent: Ann Reed and Marc Franklin.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2007 were approved after changing "Jim" to "Jerry" in the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry reported that we have approximately \$10,000 in the Unit account at this time.

Vice President's Report: Nothing to report.

Newsletter Report: Bob reported that the deadline for the next issue will be May 23rd.

Education Report: It was agreed that Unit 508 members would be given preference in signups for Education Day on May 5th. Those players who are not ACBL members would be charged \$25 to attend provided there is space available. Fred said that he would provide the projector; Terra Linda Rec will provide the screen, and Jim will provide the microphone. Rich will buy basic refreshments, and Barbara volunteered to arrive early to help set up.

The Board also discussed the possibility of "piggybacking" off the National and providing another Education Day with someone who might be attending the National, such as Audrey Grant or Larry Cohen. It was decided that we should see how the response is for our present seminar before booking another. Also it was felt that we should not compete with the National for attendance.

Membership Report: It was reported on Ann's behalf that the Unit presently has a total of 540 members.

Tournament Report: Jim reported that the tournament preparation is proceeding well. Ann will provide signage; ACBL provides tables; Marin Catholic provides chairs; Bram Dresden is arranging the setup. Jim still needs a crew to volunteer to break down the room on Sunday night.

Hospitality Report: Joan continues to have trouble finding volunteers to provide refreshments at Unit Games. The Board is still considering eliminating more than basic food coverage for Unit Games. Announcements will continue to be made at Unit Games to this effect.

Old Business: The Board continues to look for volunteers to serve on the Board. Ann Reed and Rich Goldberg are stepping down at their end of their terms this year after

providing the Board with very competent leadership and guidance during their service. In addition to filling these positions, a new Board position of "Director at Large" is being considered to groom directors to take on the duties of Tournament Director and Double Dummy Editor in future years. Anyone who is interested in serving on the Board should contact Rich Goldberg.

New Business: The Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, June 17th. That will also be the date for Board elections. A notice to this effect will be published in the upcoming Double Dummy. Bev Goldberg has volunteered to handle hospitality for this event. All Award Winners for the year are encouraged to come and be recognized by the Unit members.

Barbara reported that there is a sum of \$234 available from ACBL to contribute to a charity of our choice. It was recommended that \$100 of this money should be donated to the "Kid's Club" at Pickleweed Park and the rest given to an organization benefiting needy women in Marin. Barbara agreed to follow up on finding such a group.

The next meeting of the Board will occur on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 3:15 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Cooper, Secretary, for the meeting on March 19, 2007.