

## **UNIT 508 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2007**

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

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2007 were approved as amended (Hospitality Report).

**Treasurer's Report:** Jerry reported that the Treasury had a balance of \$11,495.00 as of the meeting date. He reported that \$1,015 was spent on the Education Day.

**Vice President's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Newsletter Report:** Nothing to report.

**Education Report:** Marc led a discussion concerning possible future education seminars to be organized by the Unit. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to pursue Marc's idea to have Audrey Grant put on a seminar the weekend before the National. Other names of possible teachers were discussed as candidates for seminars next year. It was decided that Marc would put together a questionnaire to Unit members to ascertain if there were an interest to pay well-regarded bridge "names" to give seminars in Marin.

**Membership Report:** Ann reported that the Unit presently has a total of 550 members. This figure is an all time high for our Unit.

**Tournament Report:** Jim reported that he is in negotiation with Marin Catholic for next year's sectional dates. The school is anxious for us to come back next year. Jim will have the help of Richard Mani to set up and run next year's Sectional.

**Hospitality Report:** Joan reported that she has been able to sign up Unit Game hospitality volunteers through September. As a back up, Peggy has been contacted regarding providing food for games. She said that she would charge the Unit \$30 per game to provide food. This idea is still under consideration if Joan has further trouble recruiting volunteers through the end of the year.

**Old Business:** Nothing to Report.

**New Business:** A discussion was held regarding the paying of people to fill certain positions on the Board which either require a specific expertise or which are very time consuming. Presently the Board pays Laura Fraser to maintain our website. The Board agreed to also pay our Forum Editor, Bob Sampson, in the form of free passes for him and his wife to play at a number of Unit games.

Jim Cohen requested that the Board continue to subsidize high school students who wanted to play in duplicate games in the county. The Board unanimously agreed to this, as well as to pay for incidentals relating to teaching high school students (pizza, soft drinks, prizes, etc.).

Ann requested that the Board pay our District 21 representatives an appropriate sum to pay for gas to attend Board meetings during the year. There are usually four per year, which are held in conjunction with regional tournaments. The Board unanimously agreed to pay each representative the sum of \$30 per meeting to cover this expense.

The Board wishes to thank Richard Goldberg for his excellent chairmanship of the Board as President these last two years and welcomes Fred Stout as our new president. We also wish to welcome our new Board members, Alex Kinas, Richard Mani, and Gwen Toso, who have been elected to serve on the Board.

The next meeting of the Board will occur on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 3:15 p.m. at Pickleweed Recreation Center. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Cooper, Secretary, for the meeting on June 18, 2007.