

UNIT 508 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2009

Roll Call: Fred Stout called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at Pickleweed Recreation Center in San Rafael. Present: Barbara Cooper, Ron Studen, Bob Chilvers, Richard Mani, Alex Kinas and Lynn Blankfort. Absent: Gwen Toso and Debbie Levine.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the meeting of February 23rd were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Studen reported that the Unit has \$11,957 in the account.

Vice President's Report: Nothing to report.

Newsletter Report: Bob continues to work with Gwen Toso in transitioning his editorial duties over to her. The next newsletter is running a bit late and will appear next week. The following newsletter will be published in time to include information regarding the Awards and Election luncheon in June.

Education Report: In Debbie's absence, Bob reported that Debbie had a call from the Santa Rosa Unit requesting that they "piggyback" with us in sharing Barbara Seagram's time in September. They would like for her to teach a class on Sunday, September 27th, the day after our seminar. The Board decided that if they agreed to pay for a third of her expenses, we would agree to share her time with a few caveats. In order to make sure that we do not lose participants, we would request that Barbara teach a class geared to beginners, while our seminar would be geared to intermediates. We would also ask that they impose a 12-table limit.

Jim Leuker has suggested to Debbie that his upcoming seminar in May be entitled "Is the 12-point hand the new 13-point hand—The opening bid revisited". The Board thought that this would be an interesting topic.

Membership Report: Alex reported that the Unit presently has a membership of 581 people.

Tournament Report: Richard reported on the upcoming Sectional in April. He stated that the revised flyers for the event have been approved and reprinted showing strat levels.

He said that he has now received ACBL approval for the Marin Sectional for both 2010 and 2011. The dates for 2011 are April 9 and 10. The dates of April 24 and 25, 2010 were previously approved.

Hospitality Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

The next meeting of the Board will occur on Monday, April 20, 2009 at Pickleweed Recreation Center. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Cooper, Secretary, for the meeting on March 16, 2009.