

## **UNIT 508 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2008.**

**Roll Call:** President Fred Stout called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. at Pickleweed Recreation Center in San Rafael. Present: Fred Stout, Bob Chilvers, Barbara Cooper, Jerry Meislin, Alex Kinas, Jim Washburn, Richard Mani, Deborah Levine and Ron Studen. Absent: Marc Franklin.

Fred welcomed our new Board members Deborah Levine and Ron Studen.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2008 were approved after amending date for Larry Cohen's seminar to read June 21, 2008.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jerry Meislin reported that the Unit presently has a balance of approximately \$14,000. This amount includes revenue for the 88 people who have signed up for Larry Cohen's seminar but does not include the expenses that will accrue for this event.

Jerry gave a report on the Marin Sectional for 2008. The event had 8-1/2 fewer tables than last year. This year the Sectional netted \$1800. Last year it netted \$2400.

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

**Newsletter Report:** Bob stated that Gwen Toso has shown a renewed interest in taking over duties of the Double Dummy. He will talk to Gwen about implementing this.

**Education Report:** In Marc's absence, Jerry reported that 88 people have signed up so far to attend Larry Cohen's education day on June 21st. An ad will appear in the Forum again next month. Our target is 104 attendees.

Bob volunteered to handle the sound system for Larry Cohen's event. Barbara will provide coffee and donuts. Board members and interested volunteers are asked to arrive early to help set up the room.

**Membership Report:** Alex reported that the Unit presently has a total of 576 members, down 4 from last month.

**Tournament Report:** Jim gave a report on the Sectional. It was requested by Richard Mani that next year we have people lined up to unload and set up tables and chairs for the event.

Jim said that he has already received a confirmation from Marin Catholic that we can use their facilities for next year on April 25 and 26, 2009.

Starting times were discussed for next year's event. The earlier start times worked very well this year, and there was discussion about making the times even earlier next year and making the Sunday swiss team a "play through" event so that it would end by 6:00 p.m. If this is done, the Unit would provide box lunches for sale on Sunday.

**Hospitality Report:** We still do not have a volunteer to handle hospitality at the Unit Games. Volunteers are urged to contact any Board member regarding this position. **HELP PLEASE!**

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

The next meeting of the Board will occur on Monday, June 16, 2008 at Pickleweed Recreation Center. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Cooper, Secretary, for the meeting on May 19, 2008.