

## **UNIT 508 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2009**

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

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the meeting of April 20<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron Studen reported that the Unit has \$15,722.76 in the account.

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

**Newsletter Report:** Gwen is going to have the Newsletter out soon. She will have a recap of Sectional results as well as a recap of the Leuker seminar. She will also note the upcoming election of officers on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the annual Unit lunch in Terra Linda..

**Education Report:** Debbie updated the Board on the Jim Leuker seminar on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 115 people signed up and 106 people actually participated. The seminar was a resounding success, and the Board congratulated Debbie on a job well done. Jim has requested that we include him as a participant in the Barbara Seagram seminar. The Board agreed to comp Jim for this event.

Debbie said that she is already getting checks for the Seagram seminar, so it is felt that the Unit will have no trouble selling out that event. She also stated the Vicki Lerner has requested a time change for her upcoming seminar in July. She would like it to be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Debbie has been asking people about possible teachers for 2010. The Board recommended that she consider Audrey Grant for next year. Cindy Kirk had previously suggested Terry Tergian(?).

The Board reiterated that it is not its intention to make these events into money makers, since we presently are fortunate to have ample funds in the account.

**Membership Report:** Alex reported that the Unit presently has a membership of 580 people.

**Tournament Report:** Richard gave his report on the 2009 Sectional. It too was a resounding success with the Unit making a profit of \$2,885.07, up \$1,000 from last year.

The Board noted a special thanks to Julie Coffin (caddies) and Ingrid Purcell (hospitality) for all their help in making the Sectional successful. Richard stated that 55% of the attendees came from out the county, so the event is well attended from all parts of the Bay Area.

Everyone was pleased with the new format, including earlier times and play-throughs on Sunday. The providing of box lunches was also well received, and it was decided that we will continue with both next year. Richard also suggested that we attempt to pre-register people in the morning for both events to save time. In this regard, Ron Student suggested that we advertise Saturday's pair events as two-session events which would make pre-registering that much more desirable. There would also be single events available.

Parking was a problem this year because of construction of the new cafeteria took away available spots. Tear-down after the event also continues to be a problem, since people cannot be relied upon to stay and help. It was suggested that we hire people to tear down, and also hire people to provide finger food during the play instead of relying on volunteers.

Richard said that we might hold the event in the new cafeteria next year which would be a bigger room and better facilitate catering requirements. While Richard does not wish to chair the event next year, he has agreed to mentor someone for the role. He also suggested that the Unit inventory its property and have a permanent place to store Unit equipment, such as signs, audio visual equipment, coffee urns, etc.

Again kudos to Richard for putting on such a successful event.

**Hospitality Report:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** The upcoming luncheon and board elections were discussed. Jerry Meislen has again agreed to provide refreshments. Fred will arrange for the catering and furnish the sound system. People are asked to again furnish desserts. The Board is still hoping to have a few more volunteers to serve on the Board. Some names have been suggested.

**New Business:** Bob stated that he reluctantly steps down as District 21 representative. He has not been able to attend any of the meetings and does not feel that he can devote the time and energy needed for the assignment. Ron Studen volunteered to take his place. It was moved and seconded that this change occur effectively immediately.

The Board discussed a recent inquiry as to whether we have a means of accepting donations from families of deceased players who want to show their appreciation of the game, namely by means of donating funds for bridge education. This idea will be looked into further.

Bob also suggested the forming of various committees by new Board members to investigate several issues of concern.

The next meeting of the Board will occur on Monday, June 15, 2009 at Pickleweed Recreation Center. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Cooper, Secretary, for the meeting on May 18, 2009.