

UNIT 508 – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2007

Roll Call: President Fred Stout called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. at Pickleweed Recreation Center in San Rafael. Present: Bob Chilvers, Gwen Tosso, Barbara Cooper, Jerry Meislin, Jim Washburn, and Alex Kinas Absent: Richard Mani, Marc Franklin, and Joan Abramson

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the meeting of August 17, 2007 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry Meislin reported that he has checks from 72 people to attend the all-day session and five checks for half sessions for the Mike Lawrence seminar. It was decided to contact other Units in the area to alert their members as to the event since we have some extra spaces available.

Vice President's Report: Nothing to report.

Newsletter Report: The newsletter will out the beginning of October. There will be an article about soliciting volunteers to work on the day after Thanksgiving at the NACB; Jim will write a note asking for a volunteer to handle hospitality at the 2008 Sectional; and Fred will write a piece "From the President's Desk."

Education Report: Marc is out of town. The rest of the Board reported that everything is on track for the upcoming Education Day with Mike Lawrence.

Membership Report: Alex reported that the Unit presently has a total of 558 members, up 4 from last month.

Tournament Report: Jim led a discussion regarding the types of events to be held at the 2008 Sectional. It was decided to include a 49er game in the event due to the number of new players in our Unit. It was also decided that events on both days would start at 10:30 a.m. instead of 11:00 a.m., with a 3:30 p.m. afternoon start time.

Hospitality Report: Joan reported that she has been able to sign up Unit Game hospitality volunteers through mid-November.

Old Business: Alex discussed the need for volunteers for the National. Cathy Hayes, who is in charge of recruitment, has received firm commitments from 2 people. The Board members are also asked to volunteer. Alex said that as added incentive there will be a hospitality suite open to volunteers. The date is Friday, November 23rd, and the times are 8:15 a.m., 10:10 a.m., and 6:40 p.m. Each commitment lasts 40-50 minutes. There are assurances that volunteers can still play in the events.

Gwen was welcomed to the Board as Unit Calendar Chairman. There was discussion relative to the types of games that the Unit would offer next year, including the Pro-Am

game which is well received. There was also a suggestion that one of the Unit Games be a Swiss event.

Fred handed out the remaining ballots for the upcoming District election and will send them to National.

New Business: There was discussion regarding hospitality at the Holiday Party. Jim will ask Chris and Jane if they would be willing to handle the event again this year, since their work at last year's event was so successful. The Board also needs to find a suitable charity for donations received at the Holiday Party.

The next meeting of the Board will occur on Monday, October 15th at 3:15 p.m. at Pickleweed Recreation Center. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Cooper, Secretary, for the meeting on September 17, 2007.