

Unit 508 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m. by Gene Simpson

Present: Jim Cohen, Michael Nistler, Richard Mani, Ron Studen and Lynn Blankfort. Guest: Laura Fraser

Absent: Alex Kinas, Debbie Levine and Gwen Toso

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the July 20th meeting were approved.

Michael Nistler was appointed to be a board member as website liaison.

WEBSITE REVIEW

Laura Fraser was invited to attend to help the board understand her duties, fees, responsibilities and from where her directives and imputes come. She told us that she charges the board \$50.00 per month and that whoever needs help or has information, contacts her. In addition to the \$50.00 per month she pays \$15.00 to sonic, which is passed on to us. She doesn't have any contract. Gene asked her whether she was interested in continuing, and she said she would be happy to do so and would do whatever we wanted her to do.

Michael handed out a list of the website components and discussed which were the most crucial and time consuming.

Richard felt that anything that goes on the website should go through the board first. It was also decided that the key to a good website was good linkage between the board, web liaison and webmaster.

Gene moved that we continue to have Laura as the webmaster, with Michael as our web liaison. Jim seconded the motion and all approved.

Richard moved that it be mandatory that Laura attend at least one board meeting per year. Lynn seconded the motion and all approved.

Gene asked Lynn to inform all the directors of the new direction we are taking regarding the website and that the board has a new liaison who will inform the webmaster of any new information and/or changes.. Laura's website is lwf.quilt@comcast.net and her phone number is 707 778-3774.

Newsletter report: Lynn reported that Gwen e-mailed her that a Double Dummy would be going out in September and that if anyone had any information, to e-mail it to her. We will give her the information of the New Hoppe Game in Tiburon Town Hall.

Treasurers Report: Ron reported that we have \$16,120 in our account and that is after paying for the storage site. There are additional checks not yet deposited for the Barbara Seagram seminar on Saturday September 26th.

Education: In Debbie's absence, Lynn reported that the Barbara Seagram seminar will probably be wait-list only. Peggy Tatro said that we could now probably seat up to 120, where previously thought to be only 100.

Debbie questioned whether or not there was any precedent for "entertaining" guest speakers who are from out of town and will be here for a few days. Nobody knew anything about it, but the board felt that we should be something. Barbara will be arriving Thursday 9/24 evening and staying with Richard Mani. She will be picked up Friday morning by Kathy Venton and taken to Santa Rosa and have dinner with them and brought back later than evening.

Barbara also asked Debbie if we wanted to buy books from her publisher at 40% off to sell at the seminar. We need to order a minimum of 30 books and they must be sent ahead of time from Canada. The board approved having the books there.

Debbie asked if there was any hospitality chair for the Unit and the answer was no.

The board also felt that Vicki Lerner should be postponed until next year.

Tournaments: Nothing to report. Richard wanted to wait until the Sept. meeting to discuss the dates for the sectional

Old Business: Fred Stout needs to mentor Jim with respect to the sound system Jim will call Fred and set this up.

Membership: Nothing to report

The next meeting will be on Monday September 14th at 3:30 at **Terra Linda Community Center** following Peggy's game. (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Blankfort, Secretary