

## **Minutes of Unit 509 Board of Directors Meeting October 24, 2023**

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#### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Harley Conner called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. via Zoom. President Neill Ray joined the meeting after troubleshooting audio difficulties on the Zoom call. Others attending were Cathy Netz, Maxine Reagh, Patty Shribbs, and Roy Redlich. This constituted a quorum of Board Members. Cecelia Zachar was also present.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion passed to approve the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Harley Conner and Maxine Reagh continue to implement forms and procedures and streamline the way they share data to produce a new reporting format for board and membership meetings. Harley explained the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2023. After a discussion a motion was passed approving the Treasurer's Report. Copies of the report are available to Unit members on request.

#### **District Representative Report**

Jackie Ortiz was not present and no District report was given.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Tournaments – Maxine Reagh and Harley Conner**

The Unit's Fall Sectional Tournament was well attended and netted approximately \$900 for Unit 509, a very good outcome. The only complaint was from the two teams in the 499er single-session Swiss game on Sunday who felt disadvantaged because there was not a winner for their event. Teams entering this competition in future sectional tournaments will be notified that if there are fewer than three teams their results will be merged into the next higher masterpoint limited group where they will earn Match Awards but no overall awards. Our promotional materials will also make this clear.

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### **Membership – Harley Conner**

Harley Conner reported current membership is holding steady at 235. Harley notified masterpoint competition award winners in 2020, 2021, and 2022 that all outstanding free play coupons will expire at the end of the year. The board previously extended the expiration date for all types of coupons because in-person play was limited due to COVID. Harley will write an article for the newsletter reviewing this situation and explaining when free play coupons are awarded.

Board members can encourage bridge players who are not ACBL members to join the league. Roy Redlich will write a brief article for the newsletter regarding the fact that the ACBL dues are increasing January 1<sup>st</sup>, and now is a good time to enroll or renew membership before the rates go up.

### **Hospitality – Maxine Reagh**

Maxine reported that reservations have been coming in for the Unit's December 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party. She expects 17 tables. Evelyn Holtz will direct the Unit Game. We have ample Bridgemates, and Maxine will check to see if we have enough bidding boxes.

### **Education**

No report was available at this time.

### **Finley 509 Report – Maxine Reagh**

Maxine Reagh reported that games at the Finley Center are going well. Thirty-two decks of new cards were purchased recently. Lori Kiefer donated bidding boxes and 28 boards with playing cards to Unit 509. Maxine will write a brief article for the newsletter thanking Laurie for her generous donation.

Maxine proposed that masterpoint limits for the games on the first and third Wednesdays be changed from under 1,500 to under 2,500. The Board passed a motion to approve the change. On months having a fifth Wednesday an under 500 masterpoints limit may be set.

## **Unfinished Business**

**Board Member Candidates** – The Board expects to have one vacancy to fill for the 2024 calendar year. Harley will write a brief article for the newsletter letting Unit members know that if they are interested in serving on the Board they should come forward.

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**Name Badges** – Roy Redlich has arranged for a local vendor (Crown Trophy Petaluma) to produce name badges for interested members. Roy will submit a brief article to Cecelia for inclusion in the newsletter with the information on how to order a personalized Unit 509 name tag.

**AED Equipment** – Maxine Reagh reported that the Unit's unneeded AED equipment has been sold.

### **New Business**

#### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held at the Holiday Party on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Redlich, Secretary