

# April 15, 2019

## Minutes of Unit 509 Board Meeting

### Call to Order and Roll Call

President Tony Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Bridge Gallery Board members in attendance were Tony Jackson, Jan Conklin, Maxine Reagh, Cathy Wagener, Donna Edwards, and Harley Conner, which constitutes a quorum. Director Nan Halberg was absent. Also present was Kathy Venton.

### Approval of Minutes

Cathy Wagener moved approval of the March 18th minutes. Harley Conner seconded the motion.

### Treasurer's Report

Maxine Reagh distributed copies and presented the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report is posted at the Gallery on the bulletin board and is available upon request.

### Committee Reports

#### Tournaments – Maxine Reagh

**Spring Sectional** – Maxine distributed a copy of the Unit 509: Santa Rosa/Petaluma Fall Sectional flyer. Maxine will take some of the flyers to the upcoming Sonoma Sectional and Lynn Blumenthal will distribute some in Oakmont.

#### Education – Nan Halberg

Deferred to May meeting.

#### Membership – Cathy Wagener

Cathy reported that the awards ceremony went very well, however, she was disappointed in the turn out. She suggested changing the letter to the award recipients to encourage them to come to the awards ceremony where they will receive their free play coupons. Future ceremonies will combine the Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs presentations for a recipient receiving both awards.

#### Hospitality – Donna Edwards

Donna stated in light of the upcoming sale of the Oakmont Golf Club and Quail Inn Restaurant she had called other venues. She spoke with a representative at the Oakmont Golf Club and was assured they would honor events already booked. Also, the sale will take up to a year.

### Old (Unfinished) Business

**Mentoring Program** – Tony spoke regarding publicity for the mentoring program in conjunction with Bid Basics 2.

**The Longest Day** – Kathy reported that Stephanie and Jan are doing a great job. Letters to address to donors are available at the Gallery. One of the benefits to donors is that they get to be on the web site.

**2019 NABC San Francisco** – Tony announced that May 15<sup>th</sup> is the date the hotel will start taking reservations.

## **New Business**

**Approval for Cris Barrere Lectures at PBC Unit Games** – Karen Weissberg asked the Board to approve two lectures by Cris Barrere before Unit games scheduled at Petaluma Bridge Club. The Board approved a June lecture and will review the request for a second after evaluating June attendance. Five lectures by Cris are scheduled for the year at a cost of approximately \$900 after a \$300 reimbursement from District.

**Discussion About Adding Another Director at Sectionals** – Maxine stated there was a good crowd on Saturday, but the games didn't start on time. In the afternoon session, there was a snafu with the computer and one table didn't get boards until 2-3 boards had been played. Maxine contacted the Director who agreed a third Director at the Spring Sectional would be a good idea. One session (a.m.) would be \$159 plus travel expenses of approximately \$30/day. Also would be helpful to have volunteers to help direct participants to the correct line. Tony suggested Maxine obtain more data on other sectionals and that the Board not act on this today. Board agreed to table the discussion until after the Fall Sectional.

**Reimbursement Request Worksheet** – Harley distributed copies of the worksheet. Its purpose is to improve communication between club owners and Unit Treasurer. The form has been distributed to club owners and Kathy Venton found it helpful for a recent reimbursement request. Maxine found the worksheet helpful in distributing the reimbursement expense between purpose-based programs. Kathy stated she requests reimbursement two to three times during the year and always at the year end.

**Increasing Publicity for Classes** – Harley reviewed the games and classes available to new bridge players. The purpose of the discussion was to determine what the Unit was currently doing to support these activities and what additional support, both financial and non-financial, the Unit could provide to bring more players to duplicate bridge and ultimately to ACBL and our unit. Kathy shared her experience with a free introduction to duplicate bridge class, which was well attended. It included lunch, lecture and the play of ten duplicate boards between noon to 2:30 p.m. Kathy suggested the Unit might consider some level of financial support for an ad in the Press Democrat, which runs about \$500: ACBL will pay for half the cost. The food would run around \$80. Kathy will speak with Richard Zalenski, the Saturday game director, and get back to the Board with a suggested date.

**Board Response to Phishing Scams** – After discussion, the Board decided not to alert the membership at this time regarding the recent scam.

## **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 20, 2019, starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Bridge Gallery.

Cathy Wagener moved adjournment and Harley Conner seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Jan Conklin  
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