

October 21, 2019 Board Meeting

Minutes of Unit 509 Board Meeting

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Call to Order and Roll Call

President Tony Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Bridge Gallery. Board members in attendance were Tony Jackson, Jan Conklin, Maxine Reagh, Cathy Wagener, and Harley Conner, which constitutes a quorum. Also present was Kathy Venton.

Approval of Minutes

Cathy Wagener moved approval of the August 19th minutes. Jan Conklin 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

Maxine stated the fall tournament was a success. There were no major complaints. She distributed a Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Fall Sectional September 21 and 22, 2019.

Education – Tony Jackson/Harley Conner

Sylvia Shi Lecture – Forty-four people attended the Sylvia Shi lecture on August 25 (33 prepaids, 8 walk-ins, 3 comps). Harley stated the cost for the handouts was \$50, down substantially due to the revised format of six slides per page rather than three as previously used. Positive comments about the handout were received from many in attendance.

Learn Bridge In A Day – There were 24 participants at the class conducted by Kathy Juarez on September 7; a couple from greater Sacramento area and several from Marin and elsewhere in the Bay Area. The Board awarded her a grant of \$350 at the last meeting to support this important educational program. This is the third class that Kathy has taught, and her efforts are just now starting to show a positive cash flow for her.

Tony stated one or two people are looking for mentors. Kathy stated there will be no more Wednesday morning Bridge.

Membership – Cathy Wagener

Cathy stated the ACBL has asked for a list of our deceased members. Kathy stated she will get Cathy a list of names. Cathy will also ask Lynn Blumenthal regarding deceased members in Oakmont. In the future, the Membership Chair should be notified when a member passes.

Hospitality

Donna could not be at the meeting, but advised Tony that things are on track for the holiday party. Kathy Venton will put the invitations out now.

Old (Unfinished) Business

AED for Bridge Gallery – Maxine Reagh

The AED fundraiser will begin in January. People will be asked to make a pledge toward the \$1,400 cost. If we do not get enough pledged money by February 14, we will abandon the effort.

2019 NABC San Francisco – Tony Jackson

Tony announced that Sonoma and Petaluma were hiring a bus to take participants to the S.F. NABC. He sent Sigrid an email to find out more information about the bus to see if it's something we want to look into. Kathy Venton will send an email regarding volunteering at the NABC.

Adding Another Director at Sectionals – Maxine Reagh

Maxine checked and the cost for an extra director for one session is \$159, \$30 per diem and travel expenses. The Board discussed the pros and cons and decided not to add an additional director at the sectional at this time. We are aware of the concerns.

Increasing Publicity for Classes – Harley Conner

Harley stated the Introduction to Duplicate class is geared toward rubber Bridge students who want to learn to play duplicate. The class including lunch and advertising would run about \$350. Kathy Venton will get back to the Board with a date for the class. The Board proposed a grant to pay the \$350. Harley moved and Tony seconded the motion.

2020 Sectional Date Change (status update) – Maxine Reagh

Maxine stated we are not changing any of our dates.

New Business

Emergency Preparedness – Harley Conner

Harley suggested having the Club's address across the top of the front door to assist emergency responders getting to the right address. He also shared handouts on CPR and choking. It was suggested these be posted in a visible spot at the Gallery. It was also recommended that contact information for members be updated.

Intermediate Mentoring – Tony Jackson

Tony said it is difficult to define "intermediate". After discussion, the Board decided not to pursue intermediate mentoring at this time.

Proposed Schedule for 2020 Board Meetings – Tony Jackson

Tony stated he is away on 5/18 but back on 5/25. The proposed meeting dates are January 20, March 16, May 25, July 20, September 21 and November 16. Tony moved approval of the dates and Harley seconded the motion.

Goodwill Award – Tony Jackson

The Board can propose someone up until November 1, 2020. The presentation was during the Monterey Sectional. Kathy Venton will write up wording for the nomination and Harley will help.

Use of Projector – Maxine Reagh

We had a request from a member of our unit to borrow the unit's projector for two dates, to be used outside our unit. After discussion, the Board felt the projector should only be for use by and for Unit 509. Maxine will communicate that projectors can be rented from Shutterbug..

Tournament Locations – Tony Jackson

The possibility of using another venue for our sectionals was discussed. No action was taken but further discussion will continue.

Potential Board Members 2020 – Tony Jackson

We have five openings for Board seats, though Jan has offered to stay on the Board for one more year beyond her term to complete the term of Nan Halberg. Tony and Maxine will also run for reelection.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 18, 2019, starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Bridge Gallery.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Conklin, Secretary