

UNIT 530
BOARD OF DIRECTOR MINUTES

2007

October
November

Unit 530 Special Board Meeting**Minutes**

Secretary: Maja

Date: October 21, 2007**Present:** Claire Rugg, Larry Slayton, Maja, Pat Berry, Pat Thomas, Ron Coffee, Ron Loiacono, Tom White**Absent:** Sharon Larson, Jim Lauderdale

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.
2. As this was a special meeting there were no minutes or treasurer report

3. OLD BUSINESS**A. Calendar**

The following are Unit Game hosting assignments:

October	Pat T (by default)
November	Jim L (Jim applied for sanction – event will be stratified)
December	Christmas Party - Marcy Phelps
January	(Pat B) & Claire Rugg – Pat B will be away so Claire will find someone to host with her
February	Larry – Pot Luck
March	Pat T
April	Ron C & Maja
May	Sectional – Ron L and Sharon L
June	Ron C & Maja
July	Larry S – Host & Director
August	Pat T
September	Sharon L

Maja will contact Marcy P and Marianne vG to see if they're willing to make up a calendar again this year as they did such a great job last year.

B. Membership – Active membership list was given to Membership Chair Ron C for updating

C. Rents – The Rents Committee met prior to the Board Meeting. The Board needs to raise rents as the Club is running behind in covering expenses. Ron C presented the results of the Committee meeting:

The Committee met with the Club Directors where the Club Owners presented a formula for increasing rents. The Committee ran out the numbers for that proposal versus the proposal of the Committee. The proposal made by the Club Owners was found to inadequately increase revenue. After a grueling time and much consideration the Committee concluded that the proposal from the Building's Perspective is fair for all and will put the Club in the black. A copy of the two perspectives will be posted with these minutes.

Pat B moved to accept the Committee's recommendation to raise rents from \$48 to \$58 per session, maintain \$4.80 for every table over 10 (with the exception of the Tuesday night game as it is a very small game). Amendment to the motion: Rents for Unit Games, NAP and 299er Sectional to go from \$50 to \$100. Claire R seconded. The motion passed,

7 in favor, one abstention.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. For the next agenda

- i. Ways for the Board to raise revenue
- ii. Agreement to get considered regarding Directors' cancellation of games
- iii. Fill vacant Board position(s).

5. Board meetings will take place before all Unit Games. Next meeting: November 11, 2007 at 11:30 am.

6. Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, maja

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Present: Jim Lauderdale, Larry Slayton, Maja, Pat Thomas, Ron Coffee, Ron Loiacono, Tom White

Club Owners: Betty Jackson, Lyde McReynolds, Marianne Van Gelder

Absent: Claire Rugg, Pat Berry, Sharon Larson

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.
2. **A quorum** was established.
3. **Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report** - Tom W opened a 7-Month Certificate of Deposit at Washington Mutual Savings earning 4.7% - there is no penalty for invading this CD. This is a great improvement over interest earned in the previous account. The treasurer will roll over the CD every seven months, adding to it (with Board approval) excess monies in the Unit checking account.
The Board asked that bookkeeping entries be itemized.
Tom W will check into an excessive Redshift charge - \$658.35 for 2 yrs of internet service in advance and 1 yr server charges in advance.
A number of donations have been made to the Bridge Center in memory of Barbara Yeoman and have been deposited in the checking account. Jim L has a list of each gift and has apprised the family as each is received.
The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

5. Committee Reports

A. **Membership** - Ron C

There are 5 or 6 new members.

B. **Hospitality** - Bob Bendig died last week

C. **Building Operations** - Larry S

Problems with the building are mounting and are costly. During the past month: roof leak, thermostats went out, pipes had to be reamed, water leak in women's lav.

Rents are current except for Marianne Van Gelder who is two months in arrears.

D. **Calendar** - Need a host for July - Doug Halleen, prospective new Board member was named in absentia.

Marianne Van Gelder agreed to construct a wall calendar similar to last year's for upcoming games and events.

E. **Novice-Rookie** - TBA

F. **Holiday Party** - Marcy Phelps

Marianne Van Gelder will direct at the Christmas Party and will bring another director as two directors are required.

G. **Sectional Chair** - Ron L, Sharon L

The Board agreed with Ron L to do away with the barbeque the Sunday of the Sectional. Bag lunches from a local (Marina?) deli will be sold instead.

It was decided to keep the Thursday night game before the Sectional on the schedule as a charity game even though it is not well attended. The directors for the sectional will need to be put up anyway. There will be a sign-up in an effort to encourage more players to attend.

H. **Charity** - Pat B

6. Old Business

A. **Expense Reduction/Increased Attendance**

Maja moved to vacate the rent increase voted for at the last Board meeting. Tom W seconded and the motion carried.

Ron C reported that the Rents Committee, in their meeting prior to the Board Meeting, recommends rent equity for all games and rents of \$1.75/player per game. Unit game table fees will be \$7 per player and fees for other events (199ers etc.) will rise from \$50 to \$100 per session. Ron L moved to accept this proposal, Jim L seconded and the motion carried unanimously. If the increase in table fees results in more money than needed to cover expenses, the surplus will be banked in lieu of increased expenses and/or repairs. The Board voted that the new rent structure will become effective December 1, 2007.

Ideas to increase attendance:

- Generate enthusiasm for Unit Games.
- Board member hosts will be assisted by member hosts.
- Hosts will begin a phone tree before Unit Games to encourage members to find a partner and play and in turn to call two more people, etc.
- Flyers for Unit Game should be available at previous month's Unit Game.
- Wall plaque system for Unit Game winners?

There is unrest among the membership about how we spend our money and a need for clarity. Some Board members and members at large are asking that a budget be prepared as a regular practice – a projection of what we need along with a monthly comparison. This item will appear on next meeting's agenda.

Tom W - Financial reports should be posted up front in the main room for all to see.

Larry S will ask PG&E to put us on a Balanced Payment Plan.

Tom W has is instructing Sharon L how to do the audit – should be posted (up front) right after the first of the year.

- B. **Ron L** wants to stay on the Board but does not want the Vice Presidency. He nominated **Ron C** to take over as VP; Ron C accepted.
- C. **Bridge Center Manager** – Larry S
Larry S will continue as Bridge Center Manager but resigned as an active Board member. Larry will remain an ex officio (non-voting) member at the request of the Board and will report to the Board monthly. He further agrees to pay as rent the difference between the new rents (1.75/player) less what the current rents would have been for his game (\$1.20/player).
- D. **Treasurer** Because Tom W is unwilling to handle and/or report on the Building Account he tendered his resignation both from the Board and as Treasurer; he gave one month's notice. The Board accepted Tom's resignation and will find someone to fill this position by the next Board meeting.
- E. **Board Vacancies** – a search is under way to find qualified and interested club members to fill Board vacancies. Doug Halleen has agreed to serve on the Board.
- F. Larry S moved that active club owners not be able to sit on the Board because of a conflict of interest. Maja seconded. The motion carried: 6 in favor, 1 opposed.
- G. **Board meetings** are open to the membership. In an effort to improve communication Club owners/directors will be invited to attend Board Meetings on a quarterly basis to share with the Board both successes and concerns.

7. New Business

- A. **January 20 Unit Game** (Barometer) – Betty Jackson will assist Claire R in hosting the event. Flyers will be available by December 9. Remember phone tree.
- B. **February 24 Unit Game** – Larry bring flyers to January Unit Game. Remember phone tree.
- C. **Nationals** – Our Unit is to host one weekend. Pat T will check with Kathy Gray to see just what we're expected to do.
- D. **Monterey Regional Chairs** - Betty Jackson agreed to chair Hospitality and Lyde McReynolds Partnerships for the Monterey Regional 1/1 – 1/6. Yea!

- E. The issue of whether or not rent is expected to be paid for cancelled games will be put over to next month.
 - F. The Decorating Committee starring Pat T and Betty Jackson will begin work the week following the Nationals. Anyone interested in helping should show up Friday, November 30 in the evening. Contact Pat T for the exact time. Larry S will get the tree (artificial?)
8. **Next Meeting** There will be an email meeting if needed in December to vote on new Board members. The January meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on January 20 before the next Unit game.
 9. Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, maja