

Minutes of Unit 530 Board Meeting January 31, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 by President Pat Thomas. A quorum was established. Absent was Maja, Barbara Babcock, Doug Halleen, Donna Jett and Lyde Hussey.

The minutes of the November 15, 2009, meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Jane Diamond's report was presented. Larry Slayton's Income and Expense report was reviewed. The Treasurer's report and I/E report are to be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Goodwill: A sympathy card was given to Jane Altavilla. A get well card was sent to Abigail Bunse.

Building Committee: Pat Thomas reported a change in FORA's meeting times. FORA will be moving their meetings to the new union building currently under construction. That move is likely to be within the next six months. In the meantime, any change in their meeting times hampers our bridge directors and their incomes as games may have to be cancelled. A letter will be drafted and sent by Larry Slayton, Building Manager, to Michael Houlimard, FORA Director explaining the results of their time changes to see if some compromise can be made.

Holiday Committee: The income report will be presented at the February 2010 meeting. A thank you note was received from Nancy Driscoll who was the Director for the 299ers.

Sectional Committee: The committee reported duties are on schedule. Flyers were out at the Hyatt Regional and ads will be in the March and April forum.

Old Business:

The Policy Review Committee and By-Laws report will be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Barbara Genovese reported Marianne van Gelder's updated Director's Agreement had been returned with the late fee penalty crossed out as van Gelder did not agree to that line item of the contract.

A request was received from Marianne van Gelder October 25, 2009, requesting Director Refresher courses. Through this request, Nancy Boyd, who specializes in teaching director refresher courses, was engaged to give a seminar at the Hyatt Regional in January. Boyd's fee was paid for by the Monterey Bridge Center as part of the ongoing Continuing Education classes for our directors. As a result of this seminar, Marianne has agreed to update the March Unit game regarding new rules in return for a free game.

President Thomas made an announcement regarding the Grand National Teams. The deadline for those interested in Flight A and C has passed. Flights B has a deadline in April.

Larry Slayton and Marianne van Gelder will put together a nomination form for the membership to suggest Goodwill Award nominations. The forms will be distributed through email and printed flyers available at the center.

New Business:

Lyde McReynolds sent a memo regarding a two part mentoring program. The Initial plan involving the Easybridge Workshop players will be researched through negotiations regarding fees and possible conflicts with Wally Thorpe. A motion was made and passed to approve the 2nd level plan involving mentoring the under 300 players by the over 300 players. The Board will be paying the fees of the mentoring players for these games. There will be a monthly game to run for three months. At that point, it will be reviewed for its success.

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There were numerous member comments regarding the lateness of this year's Christmas party. A survey will be sent out to all members requesting their input regarding time of day and location of next year's Christmas party. A decision will need to be made quickly as booking time for this event must be done very early in the year.

Barbara Genovese reported receiving a notice from the ACBL that the Wednesday game directed by George Masker at St. Paul's Episcopal has been cancelled at his request. This will be noted by Larry Slayton and Ron Loiacano.

The ACBL sent a flyer regarding the North American Bridge Championships held in Reno March 11 through 21, 2010. A request was made that announcements be made at the 299er games encouraging participation in this tournament.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Genovese, Secretary