

Meeting Minutes
East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors
September 15, 2019

The meeting of the East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors was called to order at 10:17 am by President Libby Silver.

Attending Board Members: Estelle Baum, Larry Bowerman, Monica Deutsch, Joseph Held, Don Levine, Neal Mazaroff, Esther Rubke, Libby Silver, David Snyder and Marcia Wasserman.

Missing: Doug Couchman.

1) The **minutes** for the August 4, 2019 meeting were approved.

2) **Treasury Report:**

Treasurer David Snyder reported on the status of the Unit 502 finances. The big news is that we received the \$1500 damage deposit refund (for the June Sectional) from the Masonic Lodge. The unit currently has approximately \$27K in assets (\$17K in the bank and \$10K in a CD), and no liabilities.

3) **Unit 502 Board Vacancies and Elections:**

At present the Board has two vacancies due to the resignations of Carol Warren and Rose Ann Kase. In addition, David Snyder will be resigning from the Board effective January 1, 2020.

In order to prepare for an election to fill the vacancies, the Board took (or will take) the following actions:

*A nominating committee was formed [Marcia (also committee chairperson), and Esther]. The nominating committee nominated Susan Bailey, Tina Heldman and Gail Oraftik, who have agreed to serve on the Board, if elected. The committee also nominated Pam Sawyer, if there is a fourth vacancy on the Board.

*Libby will draft and post a notice at the EBCBC that there will be three Unit 502 Board vacancies for 2020, and that anyone interested in becoming a Board member should contact her prior to October 10, 2019. The notice will be posted on September 30th.

*If there are only three candidates for the three positions, no election is required, but a notice of the results will need to be posted at the EBCBC by October 20th.

*If there are more than three candidates, then an election will need to be held. Election procedures to be developed, if necessary.

4) Joseph Held reported that we are in good shape on covering the lunches for the remaining **Unit Games this year**. Doug Couchman has informed Libby that he now won't be able to make the boards for November Sectional or the remaining Unit

Games in 2019, as he had previously indicated. Fortunately, there are only a few Unit Games remaining, so we'll either pay Fred Schwartz to make the boards or have one of our well-trained Board members make them. The Board approved a motion to have Fred Schwartz prepare the Unit Game boards (at \$10/board) through 2020, as needed and at the discretion of the Board President. FYI - since the NABCs are in San Francisco from 11/28/19 to 12/8/19, there will no club or Unit games during that time period. Thus, there will not be a Unit Game on Sunday, December 1, 2019.

5) The **Fall NABC in San Francisco (11/28/19 to 12/8/19)**: Joseph continues to coordinate the Unit 502 volunteers that are needed for the NABC's. Our date is 11/30/19, but several people cannot volunteer that day. Our sign-ups seem to be going fairly well so far. All those who can help should go to the District 21 website and sign-up for at least one (and preferably two) volunteer sessions. The Board voted that each Board member should sign-up for two volunteer slots, or find someone else to fill one or both slots.

*The Unit is sponsoring an event (3 side games) at the San Francisco NABC to honor Tom Pajak's many years of incredible service to Unit 502 and District 21.

6) Various **Unit Issues**:

*David reiterated that we need another back-up person for **webmaster duties**. Don indicated that he could help after November. He isn't able to help before then due to prior commitments.

*Joseph Held and Pam Sawyer are coordinating the **October 20 Pizza Swiss game**. There was discussion about whether caddies had been arranged – apparently not. Don will check with a family that he knows to see if one or more of their daughters are available to caddy for this game and/or for the Sunday Sectional game on November 17th. The 10/20/19 Pizza Swiss game will be “semi-bracketed,” top pairs will face other top pairs and less experienced pairs will face their peers in the first round.

*Neal agreed to text Jasmine to see if she could help with cleanup at the October Pizza Swiss game and/or at the December Holiday Party.

*The **Tunnel Tournament** will take place on Sunday, 9/22/19. Estelle reports that we only have 9 pairs signed up to date. The deadline for sign-ups is Tuesday, 9/17/19. There are several factors that may be limiting sign-ups: it's a two-session game that starts at 9:30 am, the location in Concord isn't convenient, and there is BART construction on eastbound Hwy 24 that weekend.

*We had some discussion about **Charity Games**. The results were mixed. Some felt that they didn't want to put a lot of effort into this, since we have been “down” two Board members for most of the year. Others felt like we should make more efforts in this area, especially around the ACBL-sponsored “Longest Day” games in June of 2020. These games support the Alzheimers Foundation. The Board agreed to work with the EBCBC to arrange for and promote at least one “Longest Day” game in 2020.

*In response to a question, someone said that the next **EBCBC sponsored Pro-Am** game will take place on Saturday, November 2nd.

7) **District 21 Board Meeting** Issues:

Doug attended the District 21 Board Meeting which took place during the Santa Clara Regional, but he was not in attendance today. Marcia was unable to attend the D21 Board Meeting, so we had no report on it.

8) **November Sectional:**

*Julie Burnet has agreed to coordinate the food for Saturday.

*Libby Silver will coordinate the food for Sunday.

*Since Doug has informed Libby that he isn't able to make the boards for the November Sectional, the Board voted to pay Fred Schwartz to make them (at \$10/board). We need about 15 boards for the Saturday games, so that would result in a total cost of \$150.

9) **June 2020 Sectional:**

At the 8/4/19 Board Meeting, Doug Couchman proposed that we hold a Swiss Team Game instead of a Bracketed Team Game on the Sunday of our June 2020 Sectional. No decision was made at the 8/4/19 meeting, so we discussed the proposal today. After some discussion, the Board voted unanimously not to implement Doug's proposal. The Bracketed Team Games will continue.

10) Our **next** Unit 502 Board **meeting** is November 3rd. Larry is unable to attend due to travel, but Neal has graciously "volunteered" to take notes. Larry returns on 11/6/19 and will use Neal's notes to produce the meeting minutes.

11) The meeting was **adjourned** at 11:14 am.

Submitted by,

Larry Bowerman
Secretary, Unit 502 Board

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming board meetings: Nov 3 (Larry isn't able to attend the 11/3/19 meeting, but Neal will take notes for Larry).

Pizza Swiss: Oct 20 (Joseph Held and Pam Sawyer)

Sectional: Nov. 16 & 17 (Libby, Esther, Estelle and Julie Burnet; volunteers needed)

Charity Games: ? (?)

Tunnel Tourney: Sept 22 (Estelle Baum and James Bond)

Holiday Banquet: December 15 (Marcia and ??)