

Meeting Minutes
East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors
November 6, 2022

The meeting of the East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors was called to order at 10:30 am by President Libby Silver. The meeting was held on Zoom. Thank you to Susan Bailey for arranging the Zoom meeting.

Attending Board Members: Susan Bailey, Larry Bowerman, Joseph Held, Tina Heldman, Don Levine, Gail Oraftik, Libby Silver, Grant Vance and Kathy Wolf. Fred Schwartz (an incoming 2023 Board member) also participated as an observer.

Board Members Not in Attendance: Estelle Baum, Cole Powell and Marcia Wasserman.

1) **Larry's minutes** for the September 18, 2022 meeting were approved.

2) **Treasury Report (Susan):**

Treasurer Susan Bailey reported on the current status of Unit 502 finances. Our current assets = \$27,149.55 as of 11/5/22. In addition, there are two outstanding checks that have not been cashed, which will lower the balance. This is a decrease of about \$1800 from the 9/18/22 balance. Please note that the balance reported in the 9/18/22 Board meeting minutes was incorrect. The reported balance was \$29,927.58, while the actual balance was \$28,927.58, \$1,000.00 less. Susan also reported that so far this year we have spent about \$3,250.00 (about \$355 per month – there were no games in January 2022) in support of the EBCBC 499er game on Tuesday (\$3 per person subsidy per game) and about \$1260 in cleaning fees to the EBCBC (\$63 per Unit Game).

3) **Old Business:**

***District 21 Report (Grant):** Grant reported on the latest D21 Board Meeting. The most significant news is that Jackie Zayak was elected as the D12 representative on the ACBL Board of Directors (aka Regional Director for Region 12).

***November 19-20, 2022 Sectional (Kathy and Don):** Kathy provided an overview of preparations for the upcoming Sectional. Overall, preparations are proceeding well. Kathy thanked: 1) Grant for changing the flyer to reflect that the 299er game on Saturday has been changed to a 499er game, 2) Don for coordinating the volunteers, and 3) Joseph and Cole who are coordinating the arrangements for lunches. Greg Vance should plan to arrive early on 11/19/22 to ensure that his computers are set-up and working for the first game at 10:30 am Saturday morning. Set-up volunteers should arrive NLT 8:00 am on Saturday.

***Unit 502 Board Vacancies (Larry):** There will be five vacancies on the Unit 502 Board as of January 1, 2023 (Susan Bailey, Estelle Baum, Monica Deutsch, Gail Oraftik and Tina Heldman). At the Board Meeting on August 7, 2022, five candidates were approved by the Board to fill the vacancies (Loretta Dimitruck, Tom Pajak, Nancy Price, Fred Schwartz and Andy Wasserman). In accordance with Article VII of the Unit 502 By-Laws, Larry posted a notice about the five vacancies and the upcoming election. The notice was posted on the Unit 502 website and at the EBCBC on August 30th and remained there until September 23rd. On September 1, 2022, Tom Pajak also emailed the notice to all Unit 502 members. Since no new candidates stepped forward to indicate that they intended to run for one of the vacant Board positions, no election was required, and the 5 nominated replacement candidates have been elected. Larry removed the first notice and replaced it with a “No Election Required” notice on September 23rd. The second notice was removed from the EBCBC on October 24, 2022.

***Should the Board Continue the Current Subsidy for the Tuesday 499er game at 10 am on BBO? (Libby and Gail):** Gail indicated that she continues to monitor the game to maintain good attendance. She is also willing to keep monitoring this game after 1/1/23 when she is no longer a Board member. She strongly believes that we should continue to support this game via our subsidy of \$3 per player per game to the EBCBC. This game is now competing with new and free 499er games offered every two hours on BBO! The continuation of our subsidy would keep this online game viable. The Board voted unanimously to continue our support for another 3 months (from January through March 2023).

***Free Plays at Unit Games (Libby):** There was a lengthy discussion surrounding the issue of free plays for the winners of our Unit 502 Sunday Games, and how long they should have to use that free play. At the last Board meeting the Board voted to allow two months for a winner to use their free play. As Larry pointed out shortly after the last meeting, this creates a situation where some winners would get 4 Unit games to use their free play, while others would get only 3. After much productive discussion, the Board voted unanimously that the free play must be used within the next 3 Unit Games. As was approved at the last Board Meeting: 1) the Unit Game winner(s) will be given a pre-printed card signed by the Board member host for that game, 2) the card must be presented in order to redeem the free play, 3) the card isn't transferrable and 4) the card would contain the person's name, date of their win and the date of expiration. The expiration date will be determined by the Board member host for the game, and it will allow 3 Unit Games for it to be used.

***Report on Tunnel Tourney (Grant):**

Grant reported that the Tunnel Tournament was a success: we made some money and Unit 502 was victorious. There was one “glitch” in that several pairs that signed up for the tournament didn't show up! This necessitated some last-minute shuffling of table assignments, which delayed the start of the game by about 20 minutes. Thanks to Greg Vance for helping to make those adjusted table assignments. Grant

reported that he thought that the 18/18 board two-session format worked well for all concerned. Susan Bailey reported that it was difficult to take money, check vaccine status, etc. from the four table assignment lists that she was given. She suggested sending an email to the participants with their table assignments prior to our next Tunnel Tourney. Grant will send a message to Unit 499 (next year's host) with lessons learned. One of those lessons learned could be that we need to require pre-payment by the participants to reduce the number of "no shows."

4) **New Business (Libby):**

***Holiday Party (Libby):** The Holiday Party will take place on December 4, but dinner will not be served, just cookies and desserts. Libby will send an email to the Board members seeking their commitment to bake cookies and/or desserts.

***January 1, 2023 Unit Game (Libby):** Libby recommended that we not cancel the Unit Game on New Years Day. The Board voted unanimously to continue with the game, as scheduled.

***Thank You to Retiring Board Members (Libby):** Libby thanked the retiring Board Members for their service to the Board and expressed her appreciation for the work that they performed. The retiring Board members are: Susan Bailey, Estelle Baum, Tina Heldman and Gail Oraftik. THANK YOU!

***Other Business:** None

5) Our **next** Unit 502 Board **meeting** is January 15, 2023, the first meeting in 2023.

6) The meeting was **adjourned** at 11:25 am.

Unit 502 Board Meetings in 2023: January 15, March 19, May 21, August 6, September 17 and November 5.

Upcoming Events for 2022 and 2023 (This list is based on our yearly pre-pandemic schedules.):

*Sectional on November 19 & 20, 2022 (Kathy, Marcia and Don)

*Holiday Banquet: December 4, 2022 (Marcia, Libby & Kathy)

*Unit Games on first and third Sundays each month in 2023.

*NAP Games on June 4, July 16, August 20 and September 10, 2023 (final) [Marcia?]

*Sectional on June 24 & 25, 2023 (Kathy, Marcia and Don?)

*Sectional on November 18 & 19, 2023

*Charity Game 2023

*Tunnel Tourney 2023

*Holiday Banquet on December 3, 2023

Submitted by,

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Secretary, Unit 502 Board