

Meeting Minutes
East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors
January 17, 2021

The meeting of the East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors was called to order at 10:20 am (via Zoom conference call) by President Libby Silver. Thank you to Marcia for making the Zoom arrangements!

Attending Board Members: Susan Bailey, Estelle Baum, Larry Bowerman, Joseph Held, Tina Heldman, Neal Mazaroff, Gail Oraftik, Libby Silver and Marcia Wasserman.

Missing Board Members: Monica Deutsch, Don Levine, Esther Rubke and Pam Sawyer.

1) The **minutes** for the September 20 and November 1, 2020 meetings were approved.

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

Treasurer Susan Bailey reported on the current status of the Unit 502 finances as of the end of December 2020. The major sources of income in 2020 were the anonymous \$2000 donation and \$1464.75 in membership renewal receipts from ACBL (each Unit receives about 11% of the membership renewal fees paid to the ACBL). Our major outflows were donations to the EBCBC (\$1781.00) and one \$1500 deposit to the Masonic Center for an upcoming Sectional Tournament in 2021 (hopefully). Susan also said that she needed to review her report one more time to ensure its accuracy. Subsequently, she revised the report. The revision resulted in a loss of \$264.75 for 2020 instead of a surplus of \$53.25, as originally reported. Our current assets total \$29,411.67.

3) **Old Business:**

***Board Member Election Procedures Status Report (Larry):** Larry gave a brief summary of the 2021 Board election process. Since there were no Board vacancies to be filled, no election was required. A notice that no election was required was drafted and subsequently posted on the Unit 502 website on September 23, 2020. It remained posted until January 8, 2021.

***Report on Status of EBCBC and Piedmont Online Games (Libby):** The EBCBC now issues weekly newsletters which have become the principal source of information about the EBCBC. Doug Handler has reported to Libby that his website is the best way for people to find out the latest news about his Piedmont games.

***Unit 502 \$2 Per Person Subsidy to EBCBC for Thursday 999er Game - Continue or Terminate? (Libby)** The EBCBC has requested that Unit 502 continue to support the Thursday 999er game by continuing our \$2 per person subsidy and by drafting another email message to be sent to Unit 502 members. According to Gail, attendance

has increased slightly (now typically 5 to 6 pairs), but they would like to see it grow even more. The subsidy by Unit 502 is intended help “grow the game.” Per the EBCBC request, Libby plans to draft another email message to be sent to all Unit 502 members urging them to support this new game. There was some discussion about whether to continue the subsidy prior to the Board voting to continue the subsidy for another 3 months. Susan will write the EBCBC a check covering the first quarter subsidy in late March or early April 2021.

***District 21 Report from January 9, 2021 (Marcia):** At their Board meeting on January 9, 2021, the D21 Board discussed/decided/reported:

- a) Unfortunately, only half of the agenda was completed.
- b) Continue the quarterly publication of the “Diamond in the Ruff” (DIR); the January 2021 edition may have been cancelled; the next edition will be in April 2021.
- c) Districts 17, 21, 22 and 23, and Unit 526 are sponsoring four 99er games on MTWTh each week at 6:30 pm on BBO. A flyer with all of the details can be found on the D21 website. The entry fee is \$6 per person for these 12 board games. Registration is between 4:30 and 6:15 pm, and the games can be found on BBO by: 1) selecting “Competitive” under “Play or Watch Bridge” 2) selecting “ACBL Virtual Clubs” under “Tournaments” and 3) looking for “All-Western 99er NiteClub.”
- d) D21 bought the truck that was formerly leased for Calvin to transport equipment to D21 Regional and Sectional tournaments.
- e) D21 is working with hotels to cancel tournament reservations through the end of April 2021, and to maintain good relationships with them in anticipation of future tournaments.
- f) There are new ACBL alert procedures (see page 35 of the January 2021 Bridge Bulletin for full details, and the EBCBC Newsletter dated January 10, 2021 for highlights of four of the changes)
- g) After March 2020 there were no STAC games in 2020; D21 is working with BBO to add STAC games in 2021, but it is difficult and unlikely (BBO is primarily focused on expanding their bandwidth to handle the increased traffic on the website.)
- h) Goodwill Award Winners for 2020 were: Dan Bergman, Tonly Jackson, Libby Longstreth, Lynn Sacco, John Schwartz and Jill Wallace.
- i) Presidential Award Winner for 2020 was Jackie Lowenberg.

4) **New Business** (Libby)

***Election of Officers:** The Board elected Libby Silver (President), Joseph Held (Vice President, Larry Bowerman (Secretary) and Susan Bailey (Treasurer) to their current positions for another year (2021).

***Designate ACBL Representatives:** The Board designated people for the ACBL specified positions (15), as follows:

Electronic Contact – Larry Bowerman

Disciplinary Chair (not an ACBL position) - Libby Silver

Recorder (not an ACBL position) - Libby Silver
Tournament Coordinator - Libby Silver
Membership Chair – Monica Deutsch
STAC Coordinator – Estelle Baum
Webmaster – Andy Wasserman (transition from David Snyder)
Business Manager – Marcia Wasserman
Publicity Chair – Shirley Rodenborn
Hospitality Chair – Joseph Held
IN Coordinator – Monica Deutsch
Charity Chair – Tina Heldman
Education Liaison – Don Levine
NAOP Coordinator – Marcia Wasserman
GNT Coordinator – Grant Vance

During this discussion, Libby reported that Esther Rubke recently moved to La Quinta, CA, but she has agreed to remain on the Board through the end of 2021. Libby also reported that Neal Mazaroff intends to resign from the Board effective 1/1/22. Thus, the Unit will need to find two new Board members for 2022.

***Board Calendar for 2021 Meeting Dates (see below):** If in-person bridge resumes in late 2021, Susan Boyers will coordinate the Tunnel Tourney with Unit 499 in September or October, and Marcia Wasserman will be the lead for the Holiday Party in December 2021. While these events are still possible, it seems highly unlikely that the pandemic will have receded enough to allow in-person bridge by then.

5) Our **next** Unit 502 Board **meeting** is March 21, 2021.

6) The meeting was **adjourned** at 11:00 am.

Submitted by,

Larry Bowerman
Secretary, Unit 502 Board

Upcoming Unit 502 Board Meetings in 2021: January 17, March 21, May 16, August 1, September 19, and November 7.

Upcoming 2021 Events (based on our yearly pre-pandemic schedules; all are subject to cancellation due to COVID-19):

Charity Game (Estelle, Monica, Esther and Tina)
Pizza Swiss Games: May and Oct? (Joseph Held and Pam Sawyer)

NAP Games in June, July, August and September (final) [Marcia Wasserman]

Sectional on June 26 and 27 (Julie Burnet and Gail Oraftik; as usual, numerous volunteers are needed)

July 4 Independence Day Picnic (Karen and Bob Cabrera will continue to do the grilling, and Tina Heldman has signed up to shop, etc. An event coordinator and more volunteers are needed for this event.)

Tunnel Tournament in September or October (Susan Boyers)

Sectional on November 20 & 21 (We need one or two volunteers to be in charge of the tournament; as usual, numerous other volunteers are needed)

Holiday Banquet: December 5th? (Marcia Wasserman)