

Meeting Minutes
East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors
August 2, 2020

The meeting of the East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 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, Esther Rubke, Libby Silver and Marcia Wasserman.

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

1) The **minutes** for the May 3, 2020 meeting were approved.

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

Treasurer Susan Bailey reported on the current status of the Unit 502 finances as of the end of July 2020. Our checking account balance is currently about \$29,000.

Susan also mentioned four recent changes/issues: 1) the Unit's \$10K CD at the Bank of America matured in June 2020 and wasn't renewed (the proceeds were added to the Unit checking account), 2) we have continued to pay \$274 per month to the EBCBC to compensate them for the two Unit games not being played each month, 3) we continue to pay \$22.95 per month for internet use, and 4) the Board needs to decide what to do regarding the \$1500 deposit to the Oakland Masonic Center (OMC) for the now cancelled November 2020 Sectional.

There was discussion about what to do about the \$1500 deposit to the Oakland Masonic Center (OMC) for the November Sectional. We could roll it over for the June or November 2021 Sectional, or ask for it to be refunded. The discussion included the likelihood of the OMC declaring bankruptcy versus the benefit of leaving the money with OMC in order to "guarantee" the June and/or November Sectional dates (there isn't a contract for the 2021 Sectional dates). Libby will contact OMC to try to find out more information. The Board agreed to postpone a decision on this issue until the September 20, 2020 Board Meeting, or later.

3) **Old Business:**

***November 21-22, 2020 Sectional (Libby):** Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the shelter in place orders, etc. after a motion by Joseph, the Board voted unanimously to cancel all Unit events through December 31, 2020, including the November 2020 Sectional, The Tunnel Tourney and the December 6th Holiday Banquet.

***Unit Donation to EBCBC - Continue or Terminate?** After some discussion about whether to continue our \$274 monthly donation to the EBCBC (to make up for the rent that the Unit would normally pay to the EBCBC for our two Unit games each month), the Board decided to continue making this donation for now. Gail pointed out (and Betty Kael has also indicated) that the EBCBC is doing well so far. They have been meeting their goal of 60 tables per week for the last couple of months, and Betty indicated that our donations are currently going into the EBCBC reserve account. However, there is some indication that online attendance is declining somewhat. Although the July Silver Linings Week attendance was strong (about twice that of a typical week), it was down more than 30% from the May Silver Linings Week. The Board will likely revisit this issue at our next two meetings.

***Other Assistance to EBCBC Until In-person Bridge Resumes:** While this issue wasn't discussed at the 8/2/20 Board meeting, for the record on May 14, 2020 Libby sent her email message to all Unit 502 members encouraging them to play in the Virtual Club and/or Support Your Club BBO games to support the EBCBC and Piedmont clubs.

4) **New Business** (Libby)

***Report on Status of EBCBC and Piedmont Online Games:** Prior to our meeting Libby had forwarded emails from Betty and Doug on the status of their games. This discussion became part of the discussion about our monthly donation to EBCBC. There wasn't much discussion about feedback for Betty and/or Doug.

Jackie Zayak and Stu Goodgold are candidates for the position of the District 21 Representative to the ACBL Board. Both of them requested to speak to the Unit 502 Board about their qualifications and vision for this position.

***Presentation by Jackie Zayak** followed by questions and answers (10:25 to 10:40 am).

***Presentation by Stu Goodgold** followed by questions and answers (10:45 to 11:00 am).

5) Our **next** Unit 502 Board **meeting** is September 20, 2020.

6) The meeting was **adjourned** at 11:05 am.

Submitted by,

Larry Bowerman
Secretary, Unit 502 Board

Upcoming Unit 502 Board meetings: September 20 and November 1.

Upcoming 2020 Events:**

*NAP Games on June 7, July 19, August 16 and September 13 (final) [Marcia Wasserman] - cancelled

*Tunnel Tournament on October 3 (Susan Boyers) - cancelled

*Charity Game (Estelle, Monica, Esther and Tina) - cancelled

*Sectional: Nov. 21 & 22 (Julie Burnet and Gail Oraftik; as usual, numerous other volunteers will also be needed) - cancelled

*Holiday Banquet: December 6 (Marcia Wasserman; Andy is in charge of purchasing and cooking the turkeys) - cancelled

**All of these events were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.