

Meeting Minutes
East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors
August 4, 2019

The meeting of the East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors was called to order at 10:25 am by President Libby Silver.

Attending Board Members: Larry Bowerman, Doug Couchman, Monica Deutsch, Joseph Held, Neal Mazaroff, Esther Rubke, Libby Silver, David Snyder and Marcia Wasserman.

Missing: Estelle Baum and Don Levine.

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

2) **Treasury Report:**

Treasurer David Snyder reported on the Q2 2019 Financial Reports distributed last month. The unit has approximately \$27.7K assets, the highest ever. No liabilities. No concerns.

We are up \$3,176 Year-to-date. \$2.1K donations plus \$1.85K Sectional 'profit' less loss of circa \$450 on Unit Games (mainly ACBL fees) and a variety of miscellaneous expenses. Snyder noted that, while we are on a cash reporting basis, many of the checks written for Sectional expenses hadn't cleared by June 30. Cash basis would have been distorted so these results are pro forma, as if all the checks had cleared (which is now the case). We have not yet received the \$1,500 damage deposit back from the Masonic and the financials also treat that amount as part of the bank total. The Board agreed that if not refunded, we will simply ask that the amount be applied to the equivalent deposit for the November 2019 Sectional.

3) **Unit 502 Board Vacancies:**

At present the Board has two vacancies due to the resignations of Carol Warren and Rose Ann Kase (resigned on May 6, 2019). In addition, David Snyder will be resigning from the Board effective January 1, 2020. Even though he will be living almost full-time in Tucson, Doug Couchman wants to continue as a Board member in 2020.

Libby has been talking to some individuals about their willingness to join the Board. Talks will continue. If more than three people are interested in the 3 Board openings, an election would need to be held.

4) Joseph Held circulated **his updated sign-up sheet for Unit Game lunches and board preparation**. Two people are needed to prepare lunches for every Unit Game, so each Board member should sign-up for four Unit Games during the year. It looks like we are covered for the remaining Unit Games for 2019. If you have signed up for

a particular date and need to change it, please arrange for a substitute and let Joseph know once you've confirmed the change with your substitute. Doug will be making the Unit Game Boards for the remainder of the year. David indicated that there are at least three Board members who have experience making boards and they could help Doug if he "gets in a bind"

5) Various **Unit Issues**:

*David indicated that we need another back-up person for **webmaster duties**.

*Neal Mazaroff reported that the **Fourth of July Picnic Unit Game** (held on July 7th) was a success due to the efforts of Bob and Karen Cabrera and the other volunteers who helped. The 2020 Fourth of July Unit Game will need to be coordinated by someone else, since Bob and Karen are retiring from this gig.

*Marcia is in charge of the **Unit 502 NAP Final** on September 8th. She asked for help and Monica volunteered after the meeting. Thanks Monica. After some discussion, the Board agreed that snacks would be provided, but no lunch. Doug will make the boards for this game. Thanks Doug.

*Joseph Held and Pam Sawyer are coordinating the **October 20 Pizza Swiss game**. They need help picking up the pizzas and delivering them to the EBCBC. Someone suggested that Don Levine might be able to help with this.

6) 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. All those who can help should go to the District 21 website and sign-up for at least one (and preferably two) volunteer sessions.

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

Doug and Marcia summarized some of the issues from the recent D21 Board Meeting:

*Due to dwindling attendance and increasing expenses, it is likely that entry fees for NABCs will increase to \$20 per session!

*There is a committee working on fixing the masterpoint system (Doug is a member).

*Consideration is being given to reducing the size of the D21 Board.

*Use the D21 Website to volunteer for the San Francisco NABCs (see the upper left corner of the web homepage). Each Unit 502 Board member should sign up for one or two sessions.

*The Board is trying to come up with options to provide back-up for Calvin, who is currently bringing bidding boxes, tables and myriad other supplies to our D21 Sectionals (and Regionals).

8) **November Sectional:**

*For the June Sectional we got all of the volunteer help that was needed. Thanks again to all who helped make it a success.

*The Board agreed to continue charging \$5 for lunch for the November Sectional.

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

*Libby Silver will coordinate the food for Sunday.

*Doug Couchman conducted an informal survey of those who played on Sunday at our June Sectional. He interviewed many people who all said that they would prefer a Swiss Team Game instead of a Bracketed Team Game on Sunday. Doug suggested that we consider making this change for our June 2020 Sectional. No decisions were made on this issue; we will consider it at a future meeting.

9) Our **next** Unit 502 Board **meeting** is September 15th.

10) The meeting was **adjourned** at 11:15 am.

Submitted by,

Larry Bowerman

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming board meetings: Sept 15 and Nov 3 (Larry isn't able to attend 11/3/19 meeting, but he will recruit someone to take notes).

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

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

NAP Games: Aug 18, NAP Final on Sept 8 (Marcia and Monica)

Charity Games: ? (?)

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

Holiday Banquet: December 15 (Marcia and ??)