

### Unit 507 board meeting October 7, 2014

Attending: Linda Nemmer, Jeff Hack, Rick Jasper, Mich Ravera, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Stu Goodgold, Ray Yuenger, Judy Fisher.

District News: There's a two-way runoff election between Stu Goodgold and Roger Smith for the District 21 Representative seat.

There will not be a District 21 meeting at the Monterey Regional.

Membership: 4 new members, 3 transferred in (1 from Palo Alto) and 7 transferred out (1 to Palo Alto). 688 total members.

Reminder: Any club directory can host 2 games per year without applying for a special sanction outside their normally-scheduled games.

Our janitors do ~~not~~ clear/wash our carpets. Our carpet is 3 and a half years old and the seam is splitting and there are spots. It was suggested that during the Monterey Regional perhaps we can clean and repair the carpet?

Unit Games: Next Monday (October 13) and November 10. Another "8 is Enough" game was proposed.

NAP on Oct. 5 Profit. There were 15 tables (4 players/table X 15 tables X 2 sections X \$10/player/session=\$1200), less food, less director, etc = lots of profit.

Holiday Party: November 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Will be in the Orchard Room at the Campbell Community Center (not the Roosevelt Room). Players will pay \$10 each. The unit will provide meats.

Sectional: October 24-26. The cost (\$3811.41) is the same, however the March 2015 sectional cost has risen to \$6044.53. Karen presented some cost comparisons of the Fall and Spring Sectionals over the last two years, along with projections of how these increased site costs would affect the profit the unit gets from these tournaments. The unit had already agreed to raise our per session rates to \$11 per player. The days of \$10/session are over. Even at \$11/session, we barely break even. Also, the parking cost grew from \$800 to \$1200.

There was a question about food at the sectional. If the grill is open, they'll make money.

Mich was going to investigate other site alternatives, e.g. the new M8trix casino site. With about 70 tables per session, each needing about 85 square feet, we would need about 6000 square feet of space, and parking for 200 cars max from Friday through Sunday. Hot coffee is essentially a requirement. Food service and access to a kitchen would also be nice. We could emphasize our non-profit status and the natural affinity to card games that bridge players share with poker players.

There was a motion to table this whole issue of planning our sectionals until the next board meeting in November, which was seconded and passed.

There was an e-mail from the Palo Alto unit asking the San Jose club for permission for their Palo Alto sectional, June 10-14, 2015. It was mentioned that during the Palo Alto sectional, we close our club games, but during the San Jose sectional, the Palo Alto club does not close their club games. There was a motion to respond to their e-mail suggesting they close their Palo Alto Friday night game during our sectional. The e-mail would not mandate this as a condition of our approval, rather the tone should be "Yes, you have our permission for your sectional. And please consider closing your club games during our sectional."

Regarding junior players that don't have to pay a table fee, there was a question whether or not we would still have to pay the ACBL the normal table fee. Stu said he would ask the ACBL about this.

There was a question if or when we are going to implement half price for juniors at unit games. We believe the board had not agreed to do this. We should confirm this from past board meeting notes.

At our upcoming sectional on Saturday, October 25 at 3 PM, Jeff Hack will give a talk honoring his father.

There was talk about trying to drum up corporate sponsorship for future sectionals to offset cost. Somebody said this was tried in recent years at the national and regional level without much success. Shirley Foreman at Adobe would be contacted.

The next board meeting is November 4, 2014, which is election day.