

Meeting Minutes  
East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors  
January 20, 2019

The meeting of the East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors was called to order at 11:20 am by President Neal Mazaroff.

Attending Board Members: Estelle Baum, Larry Bowerman, Lynne Bromley, Doug Couchman, Joseph Held, Don Levine, Neal Mazaroff, Libby Silver, David Snyder, Carol Warren and Marcia Wasserman.

Missing: Monica Deutsch, Rose Ann Kase, and Esther Rubke.

1) **Announcements** by Neal: Libby Silver won one of the District 21 Good Will Awards, and Unit 502 received a very generous anonymous donation of \$2000. Neal also gave a 5-minute tutorial on cleanup, etc. that needs to be done after each Unit Game.

2) The **minutes** for the September 16, 2018 meeting were approved.

3) David Snyder requested that anyone planning to bring food to his party on January 26th let him know what they are bringing. No one is obligated to bring anything.

4) David Snyder summarized his annual **Treasury Report for 2018**. The highlights from the report are:

\*Assets: about \$22,000 as of 1/1/18, \$24,500 as of 12/31/18. No liabilities.

\*\$2,000 annual anonymous donations have helped grow our assets the last few years.

\*Unit Games: Overall, we usually break even or lose a few bucks, depending on food costs. In 2018 Board members were prudent on food costs.

\*Sectionals: We made money on both Sectionals, thanks mainly to Libby's negotiating reduced rent for the Masonic Hall, reduced food expenses and charging for lunch.

\*Biggest recent expense was about \$500 for 144 decks of cards.

David announced that he may be leaving the Board in 2020! Say it ain't so!

5) The **Board welcomed new members** Estelle Baum and Don Levine. Monica Deutsch and Esther Rubke weren't able to attend this meeting, but we also welcome them to the Board.

6) Joseph Held circulated a **sign-up sheet for Unit Game lunches and card 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.

7) Lynne Bromley suggested that each Board member should have a list of the cell phone numbers of all other Board members in case of emergency. Joseph Held has volunteered to make this happen, if the Board approves.

8) Neal suggested that for “special” Unit Games, whoever is in charge should get two Board members to sign-up for post-game clean-up.

9) Larry appealed for at least two Board members to volunteer to write 2 or 3 **“Diamond in the Ruff” columns** this year, since Tom and Sandi are no longer going to be contributors (Sandi may do 1 or 2 if we are in dire need). Larry will write six columns, but he needs help for the remaining six. Marcia Wasserman volunteered, and someone suggested that Larry contact Rose Ann Kase to see if she could help. During the following week, Libby talked to Joye Sidoti about this and Joye agreed to write some columns for us. Thanks to Marcia and Joye. Your help is greatly appreciated!

10) Doug Couchman’s report on the **District 21 Meeting in Monterey**. The main items of interest were:

\*Libby Silver received one of the District 21 Good Will Awards for her work on the Unit by-laws, the Sectionals and for volunteering to be Unit 502 President, etc.

\*The Executive Committee voted to double Calvin’s compensation for all of the work that he does delivering tables and the essential equipment needed to run Sectional Tournaments. Everyone agreed that Calvin deserves the increase.

\*The 2019 Fall NABC will be in San Francisco this year (11/28/19 to 12/8/19) at the Downtown Marriott (near the Powell Street BART station). So, talk it up, especially with the newer players, and get ready to be “volunteered” to help! Surprisingly, the District stands to lose up to \$30,000 on this event!

11) **Unit 502 Elections:** Four board members resigned or decided not to extend their time on the Board at the end of 2018: Lynne Bromley, Tom Pajak, Russell Rector and Shirley Rodenborn. Four new board members were elected to replace them: Estelle Baum, Monica Deutsch, Don Levine and Esther Rubke. Board Officer Elections were held and the results are: 1) Libby Silver, President, 2) Joseph Held, Vice-President, 3) Larry Bowerman, Secretary and 4) David Snyder, Treasurer.

12) **Unit 502 Board Member Assignments for 2019:**

\*Obtaining Game Sanctions: Libby Silver

\*Posting Unit Game Results: David Snyder

\*Posting Board Meeting minutes to website: Don Levine

\*Notify ACBL of New Board Members: Larry Bowerman

\*Unit Membership Chair: Esther Rubke

\*Electronic Contact: Larry Bowerman

\*Unit Webmaster: Don Levine and David Snyder

\*Disciplinary Chair: Neal Mazaroff

\*Unit Recorder: Marcia Wasserman

\*Unit Business Manager: Marcia Wasserman

\*Unit Education Liaison: Esther Rubke

- \*Unit Tournament Coordinators: Libby Silver, Esther Rubke and Estelle Baum
- \*Unit Publicity Chair: Carol Warren with help from Shirley Rodenborn
- \*Hospitality Chair: Rose Ann Kase and Joseph Held
- \*Charity: Rose Ann Kase
- \*IN Coordinator: Monica Deutsch
- \*NAP Coordinator: Marcia Wasserman and Carol Warren (Shirley Rodenborn has indicated that she is willing to mentor Marcia and Carol).
- \*GNT Coordinator: Grant Vance
- \*STAC Coordinator: vacant for now

13) **Neal Mazaroff** said that he truly enjoyed his 5-years as Unit 502 Board President, and thanked current and former Board members for all of their help in making his job easier. The other Board members thanked Neal for a job well-done, and applauded his many efforts and initiatives while President. Neal will continue as a regular Board member.

14) The **next Board Meeting will be on March 17, 2019**. [Larry isn't able to attend this meeting, but Neal has agreed to take notes. Based on Neal's notes, Larry will prepare the minutes when he returns from his travels.]

15) The meeting was **adjourned** at 12:25 pm.

Submitted by,

Larry Bowerman

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming board meetings: March 17, May 5, July 21, 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: May 19 and Oct 20 (Carol and Joseph)

Sectionals: June 22 & 23, Nov. 16 & 17 (Libby, Esther and Estelle)

4th of July Picnic: July 7 (Bob and Karen Cabrera??)

NAP Games: June 2, July 21, Aug 18, NAP Final on Sept 8 (Marcia and Carol)

Charity Games: Jan 6 and ? (Rose Ann)

Tunnel Tourney: Sept 22 (Carol)

Holiday Banquet: December 15. (Marcia and ??)