

Meeting Minutes  
East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors  
September 18, 2022

The meeting of the East Bay Unit 502 Board of Directors was called to order at 10:30 am by President Libby Silver. The meeting was held on Zoom. Thank you to Susan Bailey for arranging the Zoom meeting.

**Attending Board Members:** Susan Bailey, Larry Bowerman, Joseph Held, Don Levine, Libby Silver, Gail Oraftik and Cole Powell.

Board Members Not in Attendance: Estelle Baum, Tina Heldman, Grant Vance, Marcia Wasserman and Kathy Wolf.

1) **Larry's minutes** for the August 7, 2022 meeting were approved.

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

Treasurer Susan Bailey reported on the current status of Unit 502 finances. Our current assets = \$29,927.58 as of 9/18/22. This is an increase of about \$1010 from the 8/7/22 balance. The increase reflects additional receipts, which weren't specified. Susan also reported that so far this year we have spent about \$2844 in support of the EBCBC 499er game on Tuesday (\$3 per person subsidy per game) and about \$1500 in cleaning fees to the EBCBC (\$63 per Unit Game).

3) **Old Business:**

**\*Location of Sectionals (Joseph and Libby):** Joseph reported that he found an excellent location for our sectionals, namely the Mastick Senior Center in Alameda. We will use it immediately for the upcoming Sectional on November 19-20, 2022. The Mastick Senior Center is significantly cheaper than the Elks Club in Alameda, and the size, lighting and other amenities seem to be improvements as well. Joseph is in the process of reviewing/signing the contract, figuring out the details for making security deposits, etc. Libby has already contacted the Elks Club to let them know that we won't be using their facility in November and to get our security deposits refunded. This has been a long and winding road, but we finally found a good facility. Joseph - Thank you for all of your efforts!!

**\*District 21 Report (Grant):** Grant reported on the latest D21 Board Meeting by sending an email to all Board members on 9/17/22. The three main issues are: 1) there will be a run-off election between Stu Goodgold and Jackie Zayak to determine the D20/D21 representative on the ACBL Board of Directors, 2) we need more volunteers to help run our Regional tournaments and 3) we need to figure out a way to increase the hotel reservations for our Regionals. Sigrid Price is requesting that each Unit Board member volunteer for one job for each Regional.

**\*Unit 502 Board Vacancies (Larry):** There will be five vacancies on the Unit 502 Board as of January 1, 2023 (Susan Bailey, Estelle Baum, Monica Deutsch, Gail Oraftik and Tina Heldman). At the last Board Meeting on August 7, 2022, five candidates were approved by the Board to fill the vacancies (Loretta Dimitruck, Tom Pajak, Nancy Price, Fred Schwartz and Andy Wasserman). In accordance with Article VII of the Unit 502 By-Laws, Larry posted a notice about the five vacancies and the upcoming election. The notice was posted on the Unit 502 website and at the EBCBC on August 30th and will remain there until September 23rd. On September 1, 2022, Tom Pajak also emailed the notice to all Unit 502 members. Larry will remove the notice and replace it with the appropriate follow-up notice on September 23rd. The follow-up notice will either say that five replacements have been elected, or that an election is necessary if there are more than five candidates. As of 9/18/22 no new candidates have stepped forward to indicate that they intend to run.

**\*Should the Board Continue the Current Subsidy for the Tuesday 499er game at 10 am on BBO? (Gail):** Gail indicated that she continues to monitor the game to maintain good attendance. She also strongly believes that we should continue to support this game via our subsidy of \$3 per player per game to the EBCBC. This game is now competing with new and free 499er games offered every two hours on BBO! The continuation of our subsidy would keep this online game viable. The Board voted unanimously to continue our support for another 3 months (until the January 15, 2023 Board meeting).

**\*Free Plays at Unit Games (Libby):** There was a lengthy discussion surrounding the issue of free plays for the winners of our Unit 502 Sunday Games. The current policy is that winners need to use their free game at the next Unit Game. A few people have raised the issue that this policy is too restrictive. After much productive discussion, the Board voted unanimously that: 1) there would be NS and EW winners for Mitchell movement games, 2) there would be one winning pair in games utilizing a Howell movement, 3) the free play must be used within 2 months, 4) at the end of the Unit Game each winner would be given a card signed by the Board member host for the game, 5) the card must be presented in order to redeem the free play, 6) the card isn't transferrable and 7) the card would contain the person's name, date of their win and the date of expiration. Joseph indicated that he would investigate the feasibility of having pre-printed cards available to make their issuance easier.

#### 4) **New Business (Libby):**

**\*Holiday Party (Libby):** The Board decided that we would have the Holiday Party on December 4, but that dinner would not be served, just some desserts. The details will be decided later.

**\*Unit Game Start Time (Larry):** Discussion of this issue was postponed until the November 6th Board meeting.

**\*Confirm Additional 2-Year Board Term for Don Levine (Libby):** In accordance with Article VII.C of the bylaws, the Board voted unanimously to confirm an additional 2-year term on the Unit 502 Board for Don Levine.

**\*Thursday EBCBC Sponsored Open on-line game on Thursdays at 12 noon (Don):** Don reported that this game no longer appears to be viable. It has been run with three tables in recent months, and sometimes it is cancelled because too few pairs register.

**\*Vote on Previous Board Actions Today (Libby):** At the end of the meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve all previous Board actions at the meeting today. This became necessary, since a couple of Board members weren't able to be present for the entire meeting.

**Unit 502 Board Meetings in 2022:** January 16, March 20, May 15, August 7, September 18, and November 6.

**Tentative Unit 502 Board Meetings in 2023:** January 15, March 19, May 14, August 6, September 17 and November 5.

**Upcoming 2022 Events** (This list is based on our yearly pre-pandemic schedules. All events are subject to cancellation due to COVID-19):

\*Unit Games on first and third Sundays each month in 2022.

\*NAP Games on June 5, July 17, August 21 and September 11 (final) [Marcia Wasserman]

\*Sectional on June 25 & 26, 2022 (Kathy Wolf, Marcia Wasserman and Don Levine)

\*Sectional on November 19 & 20, 2022 (Kathy, Marcia and Don)

\*July 3 Independence Day Picnic/BBQ (Marcia Wasserman and possibly two others)

\*Charity Game (Estelle and Tina)

\*Pizza Swiss Games: Oct 16 (Joseph Held and ??)

\*Tunnel Tournament at EBCBC: Sunday, October 23 (Grant Vance)

\*Holiday Banquet: December 4 (Marcia Wasserman, Libby Silver and Kathy Wolf)

**\*Other Business:** None

5) Our **next** Unit 502 Board **meeting** is November 6, 2022, the last Board meeting in 2022.

6) The meeting was **adjourned** at 11:20 am.

Submitted by,

Larry Bowerman  
Secretary, Unit 502 Board