



Long Beach Unit 557

Board Minutes

April 21, 2015

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Rob Preece, President. All members were present except Phyllis Greenstein, Diane Sachs and Cliff Goodrich.

Also present: Larry Starsky

The secretary presented the March minutes. Kevin Lane moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dalia Hernandez. The motion was carried and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Betty Jackson reported the unit's bank balance is \$14,094.76. She also reports that the district is looking for ACBL high school seniors who may be eligible for a scholarship.

Hospitality Report: Kevin Lane thanked the board for sending him get well cards. Fern Dunbar reported the passing of two members. Phyllis Greenstein, Chairperson, will be notified. Rob states he submitted the unit officer's names via the internet.

Sectional: Kevin dispensed flyers advertising the Memorial Day 499er game. He is currently meeting with directors regarding the necessary particulars for this game. Flyers will be available at the LBBC. Flyers are required at the Agile Bridge Club, West/LA Club and the Leisure World Club. Any member who is in contact with these clubs is asked to help distribute the flyers.

Fall Sectional: Kevin further reports that tentatively a two-day sectional (Saturday and Sunday) is being planned. The exact fee of \$11.00 or \$12.00 is currently being discussed. Ralph suggested that perhaps the fee of \$12.00 may be considered too much. Rob says the \$12.00 fee is currently being charged. He suggests that advertising should mention that food will be served. Kevin asked for suggestions regarding food choices.

I/N Coordinator: Dalia reported the forthcoming party game for graduates of Bob Mault's beginning bridge class is being arranged. She is not sure at this time if future games will be scheduled; however, there has been interest in the games continuing. Flyers have been sent regarding this event. The original Wed. evening date may have to be changed. Dessert will be served. Bridge bulletin magazines were donated by board members who will subsequently be gifted to the new graduates. Dalia states she may need help and would also like to provide hand records. It was suggested she discuss with Brandon Sheumaker, LBBC Manager to acquire the hand records.

Old Business:

Unit Awards Game: Fern reports this Sunday's unit game preparations are in order. Some award plaques have been posted. All other awards will be announced on the day of this event. Rob mentioned that the unit has been in existence since the 1950's per Mike Marruchi. Cliff Goodrich will direct the unit awards game.

CPR/First Aid Training: Rosalie continued researching for appropriate CPR facilitators. She contacted the Long Beach school district. The district no longer offers CPR training to the public. A retired Long Beach police officer who is well qualified as a CPR/Basic first aid trainer was interviewed. This instructor can conduct a program at the LBBC and has access to all the necessary teaching tools. The fee for the four hour program is \$40.00 per person.

Rosalie made a motion that the unit sponsors a CPR/Basic First Aid certification program for LBBC and Leisure World Club directors free of charge to the associated club.

Betty states that some directors play for free and some are past directors. She suggests that clarifying a qualifying director should be determined. Rosalie also mentioned that the class could accommodate fifteen persons so additional participants can join the class for a \$40.00 fee. Fern suggested a signup sheet be provided. MariAnn asked if board members could participate. Rosalie has talked to Brandon regarding a date and times to hold the class. Brandon prefers a Monday evening since the duration of the class is approximately four hours.

Kevin made a friendly amendment to the motion that Rosalie and Rob define qualified directors. The motion was carried and approved.

Fern asked if a silent auction fund is still being considered. The board is in favor of a silent auction event. Rosalie will follow up with suggestions.

New Business:

Rosalie spoke to Sean Lieu regarding his forthcoming monthly Friday evening beginner's class as previously requested by the board. Sean will begin the class soon and has the support of Brandon. Sean hopes to encourage his class to become future duplicate bridge players. He asked if the unit could support the class by donating funds to provide a light evening meal. The students will attend class directly after their work day.

Kevin made a motion to donate \$40.00 a month on a trial basis. Rosalie seconded the motion. A discussion occurred regarding concern if this donation would be an equitable basis for all of the other instructors. Kevin made a friendly amendment that the \$40.00 be donated providing remuneration is not received by the instructor. The motion was carried and approved.

Rosalie requested further discussion regarding providing duplicate bridge player's transportation to tournaments. She briefly searched transport companies for this service. She suggests that we clarify if players are serious about using this service before pursuing the idea.

Fern suggests advertising this idea in LBBC Table Talks announcements. Betty mentions that we should also encourage players to stay at the tournament hotel.

Betty mentioned that players be encouraged to wear name tags. She made a motion that players must wear a name tag in order to receive a free game. Dalia seconded the motion. Kevin states players should be encouraged, but not be forced to wear them. A vote was taken and the motion was opposed.

Adjournment: Dalia made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Doreen. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

The next meeting will be held May 19, 2015 at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosalie Storck, Secretary