



**Long Beach Unit 557**

**Board Minutes**

**August 16, 2016**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Rob Preece, President. at 11:00 am.

**All board members were present except Diane Sachs and Ralph Brunson.**

**The minutes were approved as amended. The secretary will make corrections as indicated by Larry Slutsky.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Betty Jackson, Treasurer, reports:

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$468.99</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>426.23</b>
<b>Total Profit:</b>	<b>41.77</b>
<b>Bank Balance:</b>	<b>11,702.86</b>
<b>Book Sales Collection:</b>	<b>43.80</b>

**Note:** Book sales collections will be donated to the Long Beach Women's Shelter. Rob encouraged the board to continue advertising for book donations and sales. The money collected is donated for a worthy cause.

**Hospitality Report:** Renee Hoffman sent Get Well cards to several members. Kevin mentioned two other members who are ill. Renee will send cards to these members soon. Rob announced that Renee is now a Ruby Master. Congratulations to Renee for this remarkable achievement.

**Sectional/Unit Game:** This Sunday, August 21, 2016 is our next unit game.

**MariAnn Satin reports that Cliff Goodrich will be the Director. Janet Logan will arrange for dessert refreshments.**

**The tournament committee:** Dalia Hernandez, Kevin Lane and Rob Preece recently met to discuss the November sectional game. It has been decided to schedule the sectional game on Veterans Day weekend at the LBBC and will include rental of an extra room. Rob will provide an air conditioner for this room.

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**There will be single session pair games scheduled on Saturday and a Swiss team game scheduled on Sunday. Since knock out games were not favored, this game will not be offered.**

**Emphasis will be made to encourage players in the 0-50 master point range to participate. Kevin anticipates a marginal profit from this sectional game. Card fees are \$12.00. Morning and afternoon snacks will be served. Janet Logan volunteered to contact near-by food vendors for possible discounts for players at this event.**

**Larry Slutsky asked if the unit is obligated to sponsor a sectional game. Rob answered that the ACBL does not oblige the units to sponsor a sectional game, but it is highly recommended. Cliff Goodrich asked why would a sectional not be scheduled. Betty addressed Cliff's question stating that many STAC games are made available. Therefore, members could acquire silver points at these games. A sectional game is an additional way to acquire silver points. John Hagman asked if last year's sectional was well attended. Kevin reports that there was good attendance.**

**Rob stated that the sectional game is a responsibility which includes additional work and expenditures. For these reasons, he wants the board to decide if the sectional game should be scheduled.**

**Janet Logan moved to adapt the tournament committee's suggestions and schedule the sectional game in November. Alan Olschwang seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and accepted unanimously.**

**Kevin mentions that sectional game venues are still difficult to find. He is especially concerned that venues are appropriate and in good working condition. This is an important consideration the board must make for future games.**

**I/N Coordinator:**

**Newer Players – Dalia prepared and circulated the 199er unit game volunteer sign-up sheet. Board members are asked to volunteer one unit game as a "Back Room Support Person." The duties are to assist new players who are new to duplicate bridge. Kevin will be the support person for this coming Sunday's unit game. John Hagman will assume this role in October. Board members did comply to this request.**

**Dalia reports that there were four tables at the "Bridge for a Buck" event. The next games will be "\$1.99 for a 199er game." Rosalie mentioned that three people from this group signed up for ACBL membership.**

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**Dalia further reports that OLLI group classes will be offered on Monday mornings. These classes are offered to players over the age of fifty who are interested in increasing their knowledge of duplicate bridge play.**

**Rob mentions that Sharon Biderman and her team are doing an excellent job in promoting the game of duplicate bridge.**

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: Fern mentioned that our annual pot luck unit game is usually held in November. Since a sectional game will be scheduled for November, she suggests the pot luck be held at an alternative time. She also mentions that there will be a sanction game in November that the unit will not be using. Rob said we can offer this sanction to Brandon Shuemaker, LBBC Manager for a future club game.**

**ALACBU:**

**Betty Jackson shared the percentage of participation in regional games from various locations. This information is based on Mike Marcucci's regional report.**

**Rob mentions he is proud of our unit board member's participation at the recent regional game.**

**Janet Logan asked if a master agreement with various hotels has ever been approached for possible discounted rates. Kevin answered that this idea has been considered, but it has not been successful. Apparently, hotels do not feel that bridge tournaments are profitable. Hotels are agreeable to have bridge tournaments when there are business gaps, then they may be more accommodating. Alan mentioned that many hotels have franchises and a master agreement would not be feasible.**

**Kevin suggests a shared agreement with District 22 regarding hosting regionals which may make preparing for regional tournaments easier. Kevin also mentioned that the B.B.O. {Bridge Base Online} paid \$500,000.00 to the ACBL.**

**Adjournment: Dalia moved to adjourn, seconded by Alan. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.**

**NEXT MEETING: September 19, 2016 at 11:00 am**

**NEXT UNIT GAME: September 28, 2016**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Rosalie Storck, Secretary

