



Long Beach Unit 557

Board Minutes

February 22, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the President, Dalia Hernandez, at 11:00am.

All members were present with the exception of Fern Dunbar.

The minutes were accepted as amended. The elected secretary will not be able to assume the secretarial position at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Betty Jackson, Treasurer reports the following:

Bank Balance -	\$12,816.87
Petty Cash -	\$180.00
Used Book Collection -	\$47.00

The deposit from the last unit game totaled \$234.00. This event's expenses were higher than usual. Consequently, there was a loss of \$183.93. Betty explained the ACBL's financial allotment to the unit and how the money is distributed.

Alan Olschwang mentioned that he attended the recent **NATO tournament and it was reported as a "good year" financially.**

Hospitality: Renee Hoffman, Chairperson, reports that condolence and get well cards were not required this month. Requests to send get well cards were made by several board members. Renee noted the requests and will send the cards to respective members.

Sectional/Unit Game: Dalia announced that the director for Sunday's unit game will be Sean Lui. The March 26 unit game will be directed by Cliff Goodrich. Cliff validated with Brandon Shuemaker, LBBC Manager, that the boards are ready and in order. Renee asked if the Bridge Mates will be used. Dalia assures that the Bridge Mates will be used and the director knows the procedures. Carolyn Byrnes will arrange for the dessert refreshment. Sharon Biederman reminds the board that the Grand National Tournament is scheduled for the same date as the March unit game. Kevin Lane states approximately eight tables will be required for this tournament.

Sharon and Carolyn will update the home page in order to advertise that there are unit games available for beginner play. Sharon will also get approval from the LBBC manager and forward this information to Dalia.

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Rob Preece mentions that it has been six months since a Pro/Am game was held and perhaps another game could be offered. Sharon will work on fitting a Pro/Am game into the program. Sharon asked for volunteers to participate in the proposed Pro/Am game.

Rosalie Storc will ask Sean Lui if he has decided to fulfill the position of Sectional Manager. Kevin Lane, Rob Preece and Larry Slutsky will visit the Hawaiian Poker Club to ascertain if the facility is appropriate for a future sectional game. Kevin has received approval to schedule a NLM sectional. Two dates in May are being considered.

I/N Coordinator: Sharon Biederman reports that the New Members Program continues to do well. There were thirty-six people from the University Ollie Program. Two new classes, Beyond Beginners Bridge and Play of the Hand will be offered. A **Beyond Beginners Bridge class will be scheduled Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. To date, one hundred new people **have taken classes** at the LBBC. The forthcoming Learn Bridge in a Day event is scheduled for April, 2017.**

Rob states that the I/O report should be sent to John Yinger who writes the LBBC newsletter. Dalia reports that since she did not receive any new **information. The web site will continue to require updating.**

Election: The Unit Secretary position is open for election. Carolyn Byrnes volunteered to fill this position. The board unanimously voted and accepted Carolyn as the new Unit 557 secretary.

ALACBU: Betty Jackson reports that the recent L.A. tournament held near the L.A. airport was not as successful as expected. The event may not be held at this location in the future. She further reports that approval was made to hold a tournament between Christmas and New Years Eve. This tournament will probably be held in Glendale.

Old Business: Mark Singer resigned from the board; therefore, his position for Recorder must be filled. The Recorder's responsibilities include recording events of those players exhibiting unethical behavior. Sharon Biederman volunteers to assume this position assisted by Rob Preece.

New Business: Dalia mentions that new people are now playing bridge at the LBBC. She suggests that a new directory be updated and issued. Rob states that the ACBL requires validation from members approving that their personal information could be listed in the directory. A brief discussion ensued regarding how the approval could be attained. Sharon and Carolyn will approach new members who may want to be listed in the directory.

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Dalia asked if non -ACBL members should be included in the directory. Betty made a motion that a separate sheet for non-ACBL and/or potential ACBL members be included. Alan moved to accept the motion, seconded by Rob.

Rosalie passed out copies of the by-laws and the Board Election Candidate Agreement to new board members. The new members signed the agreement and returned the forms to Rosalie for filing.

Adjournment: Rosalie moved to adjourn, seconded by Cliff. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

NEXT MEETING: March 21, 2017

11:00am

NEXT UNIT GAME: March 26, 2017

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosalie Storc

Acting Secretary