



**Long Beach Unit 557  
Board Minutes  
March 7, 2011**

**Call to Order:** John Killian called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm. Members present were Carmela Chiurazzi, Kevin Lane, Betty Jackson, Linda Renkus, Diane Sachs, Mary Thomas, Sherry Troeger, Mike Ullman, George Alemshah and Fern Dunbar. Ernest Ross was absent. Larry Slutsky was present as Leisure World Representative.

**Minutes:** Diane made a motion, seconded by Kevin that the minutes be accepted with correction. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Betty reported that as of 2/28/11 our total assets were \$11,358.95.

Mike made a motion, seconded by Sherry that a check disbursement be included in the monthly treasurer's report for transparency purposes. The additional disclosure should include the check number, payee and check amount. Five were in favor, four were not in favor and one was non-voting. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Hospitality/Charity:** Per Sherry, there was \$64 collected in the month of February for the Women's Shelter.

Cards were sent out to Merlin's wife as Merlin passed away. Cards were also sent out to those who were sick: Louise, Barbara, and Anna.

**Sanctions/Membership Report:**

The 2011 Unit Games Sanction dates were/are:

Feb. 13  
Mar. 13  
Apr. 03  
May 22  
June 19  
July 10  
Aug. 14  
Sept. 18  
Oct. 09  
Nov. 20  
Dec. 04

The 2011 Special Unit Games Sanction dates which the LBBC will run were/are:

Mar. 17  
Apr. 01  
May 30  
Sept 05  
Sept 19  
Oct. 10  
Nov. 25  
Dec. 18  
Dec. 31

Linda brought up that the Balboa unit game is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, the Laguna Woods Unit Game is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month and the Dana Harbor Unit Game is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.....we should keep that under consideration along with Regional and Sectional dates when scheduling our future Unit Games.

Diane suggests that Unit Games' strata be the average of the pair.

**Refreshments:** Unit Game March 13, 2011 and Awards Game April 3, 2011

March 13 Unit Game – Per Mary, she will prepare a baked potato bar and will have cake for dessert. The budget is \$300 per Unit Game. She will have 2 paid assistants to help and may have 2 unit members make dishes in exchange for 2 Free Plays in the Unit Game only.

Mike made a motion, seconded by Sherry to spend up to \$225 per Unit Game for food. This is a reduced amount as compared from the vote made last meeting at \$300 per Unit Game for food. Mary suggested giving the approved budget of \$300 per Unit Game for food approximately 6 months to see how that works out before revisiting last month's vote. One was in favor and nine were not in favor. Motion was not carried.

Larry suggests that Mary and the Refreshment Committee be in charge of how the Refreshment Program be run as the funding of \$300 per Unit Game for food has been approved. All future discussions should be directed to Mary and the Refreshment Committee in between Board Meetings.

**Sectional:** John, Kevin & Mike will get together to discuss the November 11 – 13 2011 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) Sectional, which is sanctioned.

Betty volunteered to help with the Partnership Desk.

Fern volunteered to help with the morning food. There are currently no plans to provide lunch.

**I/N Coordinator:** George Alemshah will be in charge of the Intermediate and Novice program & suggests working on ways to promote new membership.

Diane & Fern will help George get set up the I/N program. Free bridge lessons, by the Board are provided in the backroom every Tuesday night.

**Awards:** April 3, 2011 is currently scheduled date for Unit 557 Awards Game. Fern said that Awards are ready to go.

The John Killian Award for 2010 – Most Points Scored by a LB Unit Member at the Annual Long Beach Sectional will be awarded to Hank Dunbar. The LBBC plaque will be updated.

**ALACBU Report:**

John reports the following:

- There are 8 candidates being considered for ACBL CEO next year (July 12, 2012).
- The Regional at Sea hopes to net \$13K.
- Need to encourage more players to qualify for the NAOP (North American Open Pairs).
- Get Unit Board Members to push the NAOP & GNT events.
- Bridge Week has been scheduled for the summer.
- The Marina Del Rey Regional has been scheduled for 10/10/11 to 10/16/11

**Membership** – Per Diane, the Unit has 438 Members (down from last year).

**Old Business:** Per Betty, we should coordinate with Jon Yinger (Bulletin) to encourage members to update their contact information with the ACBL to ensure that the Unit's future Directory be accurate.

**New Business:** Larry suggests that we develop a Mission Statement for the Unit to clarify our purpose & goal. He suggests forming a committee of 4 or 5 people. Larry and George will work on this & will encourage a few people to help write a Mission Statement. Betty suggests that once the Mission Statement is complete, we should put Mission Statement in the front page of the directory.

Larry suggests that we should encourage the newer bridge player to play in the club games. An example is a new mentor program where the mentors will be Non Life Masters and the mentees will be bridge students who just completed the Beginner or Intermediate lessons.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM. The next meeting will be on April 11, 2011.

Respectfully submitted: Carmela Chiurazzi.