



Long Beach Unit 557

Board Minutes

March 15, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:04 A.M. by Rob Preece, President.

Board Members Present: Ralph Brunson, Fern Dunbar, Janet Logan, Rob Preece, Diane Sachs, MariAnn Satin and Rosalie Storc. Also present, Larry Slutsky.

Absentee Members: Cliff Goodrich, John Hagman, Dalia Hernandez, Renee Hoffman, Betty Jackson, Alan Olschwang and Kevin Lane.

Note: Some absentee members are participating in the Reno, Nevada tournament.

The secretary presented the minutes which were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Due to Betty Jackson's absence, the treasurer's report will be delayed until the next board meeting. Rob announced that due to the high board member absentee list, major financial decisions will not be made at this meeting.

Hospitality Report: Rob Preece states that Renee Hoffman, Chairperson, has sent several get well wishes to members. A thank you note was sent to Darlene Harrison for her donation of several bridge artifacts. Rosalie Storc mentions that these artifacts were sent to M. Marcucci for his "Bridge History Collection". Mr. Marcucci sent a thank you note stating he plans to eventually present his collection publically.

Sectional/Unit Game: Rob reports that Kevin Lane has been unable to acquire a date for the 499er sectional. Therefore, the sectional will be cancelled. Rob has discussed with Kevin the possibility of Unit 557 hosting a regional game in Long Beach. Kevin stated that the district committee has been discussing this issue. Rob also reports that M. Marcucci sent a note and spread sheet which indicates that the last regional game listed a considerable financial loss. Diane Sachs mentions that regional games are important to the district. The success of regional games often dictates the district's ability to support the units. Diane and Larry Slutsky discussed possible reasons for regional games financial losses. Location, transportation and general low attendance may be possible causes. Rob encouraged board members to attend regional games and to encourage players to participate. Rob also mentions that due to Mr. Marcucci's report, the board should carefully consider if the unit should host a regional game.

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The next unit game is scheduled for this Sunday, March 20, 2016. MariAnn states that Mike Ulman will be the Director. Rob made a decision that Janet Logan, Refreshment Chairperson, purchase a Cost Co. membership card since we often make purchases at Cost Co. The board members agreed with this decision. Rob assures that the boards have been prepared for the unit game. Rob stressed that the unit games be advertised and encouraged the board members to make announcements whenever possible. All other preparations have been made.

I/N Coordinator: Report will be made at the next board meeting due to Dalia's absence.

Rob opened a discussion for a program that would match future life masters with experienced players to assist the players in reaching their goals. The board agreed that this could be a successful program.

Old Business: Fern Dunbar, Awards/Trophy Chairperson, is in the process of assuring that all the awards plaques are engraved. She reports that all preparations are ready for the forthcoming awards unit game.

C.P.R.: Rosalie mentioned that the A.E.D. defibrillator must be checked for battery status on a regular basis. In addition, a small charge for battery replacement may be necessary. It was suggested a check list with dates be posted.

Rob reports that Dalia and Renee have researched the cost of Bridge Mates. Thirty units plus the server would cost approximately \$4,500.00. Diane Sachs states that at least two cases must also be purchased. Each case costs approximately \$65.00. Fern Dunbar suggested contacting Eric Tang for the possibility of purchasing Bridge Mates at a lower cost. Janet Logan volunteered to research possible discounts. Larry made a statement that the costs of Bridge Mates may not be warranted due to limited use. Rob mentioned that Renee and Dalia state Bridge Mates could be useful for teaching classes. Possible contributions from class revenues could be used to purchase the Bridge Mates. Rosalie suggested fund raisers may help supplement the cost of Bridge Mates.

New Business: Rob requested volunteers to participate as table monitors for the April 3, Learn Bridge In A Day event. Hank Dunbar, Sharon Biderman and Rob Preece will act as leaders for the L.B.I.A.D. program. The fee for this event is \$20.00.

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The committee asked if the unit could contribute \$150.00 that would be used for the cost of the luncheon. The committee does not expect a profit because of incurred expenses.

Diane Sachs made a motion to contribute the \$150.00, seconded by Janet Logan. The motion was carried and accepted.

Larry asked who was paying the advertising expenses. Janet believes the Long Beach Bridge Club is paying this expense. Rob states that L.B.I.A.D. programs could be extended to other clubs or any other appropriate organizations that would be interested in this event.

Larry also asked about other costs. The committee states expenses include the projector, screen, audio equipment and an approximate cost of \$3.50 per student. Fern suggested that Larry ask Leisure World if they could help to advertise this program. Larry will research Fern's idea. He also asks about follow up classes after L.B.I.A.D. Sharon Biderman was asked to join the meeting. Sharon gave a report and an update. She also mentions that we now have a license to conduct future L.B..I.A.D. events. The district contributed \$100.00 to the cost of the license which is \$200.00.

ALACBU – Diane states she has spoken to Brandon Shuemaker, L.B.B.C. Manager, regarding placing L.B.B.C. logos on pencils that would be used at future regional games. MariAnn states she has been soliciting business regarding “pencil logos” but so far has not had a good response. Diane suggested that the unit might want to participate in placing a logo. She also reports that there will not be an October regional, but possibly one will be scheduled for late December. Costs and negotiation for prices are now in process.

Adjournment: Rob adjourned the meeting at 11:55 P.M.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2016

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosalie Storck, Secretary

