



**Long Beach Unit 557**  
**Board Minutes**  
**April 11, 2011**

**Call to Order:** John Killian called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Members present were Carmela Chiurazzi, Kevin Lane, Betty Jackson, Diane Sachs, Mary Thomas, Fern Dunbar and Ernest Ross. Linda Renkus, Sherry Troeger and George Alemshah were absent. Larry Slutsky was present as Leisure World Representative.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Betty reported that as of 3/31/11 our total assets were \$11,953.48.

There were 140 "Free Play" awarded in the Awards Unit Game. The "Free Play" is good for 90 days.

**Correspondence/Hospitality/Charity:** Per Ernie, there was \$8.29 collected in the month of March for the Women's Shelter.

Cards will be sent out to George Alemshah, Sherry Troeger's mom, Kurt Johnson and Marcus Evans.

**Sanctions/Membership Report:** See March minutes for 2011 unit games dates

Larry requested that some of the sanctioned games be at the Leisure World site. John will call the ACBL to check the sanctions.

Kevin made a motion, seconded by Betty that the Unit Games be "averaged points" stratified. All were in favor. Motion carried.

George and Mark will be asked to be the Directors for the Unit Games.

**Refreshments:** Mary needs help in the Unit Games. She will have 2 paid assistants to shop, make the cake, clean up, etc.

**Sectional:** Per John & Kevin the Sectional is scheduled for November 11-13 2011 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday). They are looking for the venue and looking at the Long Beach Bridge Club as a potential site. Fern mentioned the Installation Club Fiddlers Green in the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos (suggested by Susan Hafen). John & Kevin will investigate.

**I/N Coordinator:** Larry said that they have talked to the Long Beach Bridge Center regarding the Mentor Program and the Long Beach Club is very receptive.

**Awards:** Awards are completed....Fern did a great job!

**ALACBU Report:** Per Kevin, there has been no meeting since last report.

**Membership** – Per Diane, the Unit has 441 Members.

Average age in the Unit is 71.45 years, the District average age is 69.87 and the ACBL average age is 69.55

Long Beach is 2<sup>nd</sup> in the District in New Members retention and 7<sup>th</sup> within the ACBL. The Club is also 7<sup>th</sup> in the District in new member gains.

**Old Business:**

Larry, with the help of Kevin, John, Diane and George presented the Unit 557 Mission Statement:

*Unit 557 of the ACBL encompasses Long Beach, California and surrounding area. Our mission is to support bridge clubs within our area as well as to promote sectional and unit games. The unit assists local clubs in their endeavor to improve game attendance. The unit believes that the active recruitment of new players is essential to the success of our unit and the ACBL and supports programs to accomplish those ends. To promote an interest in bridge, free teaching lessons to beginning and intermediate players, and mentoring program for new players, are offered. As a member of the Long Beach community, the support of a local charity is considered a necessary and important function.*

Betty suggests that we included the Mission Statement in the bridge column (Jon Yinger).

Larry suggests that we ask the unit members to see how we can make the game more attractive so that they would play more often. He also suggests that we ask Aaron Jones to work with CSULB to see if we can get college students to play bridge.

Larry will now be part of the Long Beach Unit Board.

**New Business:** Larry extended an invitation for Leisure World to be the site of the September 18 Unit Game. In addition, they would like to have a “Bridge Extravaganza” to attract party bridge players to a social bridge game. Leisure World will provide the room. There are BBQs & picnic tables. Both Duplicate and social bridge players pays the same fee of \$7/per person.

Betty suggested another date in so that it does not compete with the Long Beach Club Unit Game. John will check the sanctions and see if Leisure World can have full points (vs. 80%).

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM. The next meeting will be on May 9, 2011.

Respectfully submitted: Carmela Chiurazzi.