



Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
March 19, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:16 a.m. by Rosalie Storc, President.

Absentee Members: Dalia Hernandez, Betty Jackson, Katharine Seibert

Minutes: Secretary Lillian Slater clarified two items in the minutes: BBO awards and the initial Go for the Gold proposal. A motion was made by John Hagman, seconded by Rob Preece, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the February 19, 2019, minutes as clarified. Revised minutes were emailed to board members and posted on the bulletin board.

Rosalie brought up the issue of posting the minutes online:

- Alan Olschwang commented that he did not know of any other organization that does so.
- John added that his Homeowners Association board does not post their minutes online.
- It was decided that this item should be tabled until the next meeting when the board's Internet person, Dalia Hernandez, is in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jenny Ernest presented the February Financial Report:

Beginning Checking Account (2/1/19)	\$15,882.60
Income	\$ 417.57
Total Expenses	\$ 283.22
Ending Checking Account 2/28/19)	\$16,016.95*
Net Profit for February Unit Game	\$ 55.05**

*The unit also keeps \$180 in petty cash for use at unit games and tournaments.

**The January unit game had 15 tables in the Open and five tables in the 199'er section.

BBO Awards: Fern Dunbar, Awards Chairperson, clarified that Free Plays for Unit Games are awarded as follows:

- Ace of Clubs = two free plays for 1st place, one each for 2nd and 3rd places
- Mini-McKenney = one free play for 1st place
- It was noted that there is frequently overlap between the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners.

Judy Cook made a motion to award BBO winners one unit free play for 1st place in each Masterpoint Race. Sharon Biederman seconded the motion, which was carried by 12 in favor and one opposed.

Hospitality Report: Renee Hoffman sent four cards, three Get Well and one Sympathy this past month.

Rosalie asked for a status update on other hospitality issues:

- Renee said the partnership efforts are working well. She appreciates advance notice when a partner is needed.
- Jenny continues to send Welcome letters to new ACBL members who are identified in the monthly In/Out report.
- Thanks again to Fern who posts these new members (and new life master status) on the bulletin board behind the coffee pot.

Awards: Fern reported that everything is on schedule for the April Awards unit game:

- Award invitations have been issued.
- The plaques have been engraved.
- Chuck Laine and Katharine Seibert are working on relocating the plaques to the front of the club.
- Chuck agreed that they would be mounted by the April unit game.

Unit Free Plays: Rosalie raised the issue of the transferability of the Unit Free Plays. These are used for April awards and as a welcome to new unit members.

- Rosalie suggested writing the recipient's names on the cards to avoid reprinting costs.
- Jenny explained that the cards are reused when they are turned in at a unit game.
- Lillian pointed out that board members would be at a disadvantage because they can't use their free plays. They should be able to give them to a partner to use.
- After discussion, it was decided to keep the Free Plays as is, i.e., transferable and recyclable.

Bridge Brigade: Sharon updated the board on Bridge Brigade activities during intersession:

- The March 1st Pro-Am had over 20 tables. This will continue to be a quarterly activity as the schedule allows.
- Hank and Fern Dunbar provided supervised play on Monday and Wednesday mornings during intersession.
- Rob held two well-attended classes on March 11 and March 18

New class sessions will start April 1st.

Unit Game: The next unit game will be Sunday, March 24, at 12:30 p.m.

- Sean Lui will be the director.
- Katharine has made one set of boards. Sharon will make the other two.
- Jenny and Lillian will assist the director as needed.
- Lillian sent the promotional email this morning.
- Judy Cook will provide dessert.
- Sharon will supervise the 199'er section.

All Board members are encouraged to play in the unit game and help clean up afterwards. If a member can't stay, Fern suggested that s/he pay the \$8 to play that month.

- Ana Winn volunteered to help Judy clean up the kitchen each time.
- If a member doesn't know what needs to be done, ask Paul Pettler.

To motivate attendance, Bonnie Shok suggested a drawing for prize(s) at each unit game.

- After discussion of possible prizes, Ana made a motion to hold a drawing for two free plays for future unit games.
- The motion was seconded by Fern, and passed with 11 in favor and two opposed.
- Bonnie and Lillian will advertise this drawing with fliers posted throughout the club.

Unit Bidding Boxes: Alan delivered the requested eight bidding boxes to Larry Slutsky. Four were given to each club at Leisure World.

Michigan Youth Bridge Camp: After discussion, the Board decided to support bridge activities in the Southern California area rather than Michigan.

Gold for Gold: Rob updated the board on this committee's activities. They have had one face-to-face meeting and multiple online ones. The committee consists of Rob, Alan, John, and Renee with Rosalie as an ad hoc member. Ana Winn volunteered to become a member of the committee.

- Renee obtained a listing of all members in the unit—by date joined and masterpoints earned in each category—and then analyzed the data and developed a list of those members who just needed gold for Life Master.

- After negotiations, the committee decided to start with this group of 20 candidates.
- The committee is contacting them to see if they are interested, and so far six are.
- The committee decided to focus on the Long Beach Regional's Compact Knockout on Saturday and Bracketed Swiss on Sunday.
- The initial pairing will be candidates Ernie Ross and Roy Tomooka with helpers Alan and John.
- Rob indicated that the committee is increasing the helper masterpoints to 1500 to expand the pool.
- Rob will also ask the Agile Bridge Club if they are interested in participating in a similar program.

ALACBU: There was nothing new to report. Larry asked for clarification about the District 23 tournaments for the year. Renee responded that the July Regional in Long Beach will be its only tournament this year. The others were not profitable given the costs of renting space and supplies.

NLM Sectional: Lillian reviewed and finalized arrangements for the Sunday, April 7th, NLM sectional. It is a joint effort between the club and the unit.

- Alan Flower will be the director.
- Lillian sent an initial promotional email via Pianola this week. Another will be sent next week.
- Sharon and the teachers will promote the sectional to students next week.
- Rob and Sharon volunteered to come in and help get the tournament started.
- Sharon agreed to make the boards.

New Business: Sharon suggested that advancement in ranks below Life Master should be acknowledged by the club.

- Fern will post the advancement ranks on the board behind the coffee pots.
- These advancements will be announced at the unit games.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Alan, seconded by Sharon, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 11:15 a.m.

Next Unit Game: Sunday, March 24, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lillian Slater