



**Long Beach Unit 557**  
**Board Minutes**  
**October 22, 2019**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:19 a.m. by Rosalie Storc, President.

**Absentee Members:** Judy Cook, Renee Hoffman, Sandra Schlosser, Bonnie Shok

**Minutes:** Alan Olschwang made a motion to accept the September minutes emailed to board members on 10/21/19 and revised to include the one Get Well card sent by Renee Hoffman. The motion was seconded by Larry Slutsky and unanimously approved.

Secretary Lillian Slater reported that District 23 has offered to include each unit's Board Minutes in its monthly newsletter. After a brief discussion, it was decided to decline this offer. Unit 557's monthly minutes are posted at the club and online.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jenny, treasurer, presented the September financial report:

<b>Beginning Checking Account (9/1/19)</b>	<b>\$14,880.33</b>
<b>Income (September Unit Game)</b>	<b>\$ 426.00</b>
<b>Charity Income</b>	<b>\$ 24.60</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 468.96</b>
<b>Ending Checking Account (9/30/19)</b>	<b>\$14,861.97*</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss) for September Unit Game</b>	<b>\$ 89.29**</b>

\*Includes \$257.32 that will be donated to the Women's Shelter at the end of the year.

\*\*The September unit game had 18 tables in the Open and five tables in the 199'er section for a total of 92 players.

The unit also keeps \$200 in petty cash for use at unit games and tournaments.

**Unit Game:** The next unit game will be Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m.:

- Sean Lui will be the director.
- John Benson has made the boards.
- Renee and Dalia will assist the director as needed.
- Lillian has sent a Pianola promotional email.
- Judy Cook will provide dessert.
- Sandra will supervise the 199'er section.

Due to Thanksgiving, there will be no November unit game. Chuck Laine volunteered to supervise the 199'er section at the December unit game.

**Hospitality Report:** Renee sent two Get Well cards last month.

**Bridge Brigade:** Sharon Biederman provided an update on Bridge Brigade:

- Last quarter saw more students enrolled and attending classes than ever before.
- Students are demonstrating their skills by asking intelligent questions during supervised play.
- An auction for Bridge Brigade is being set up today to run through the end of the unit game.

Sharon further updated the board on Long Beach Bridge's status:

- The club is now operating under its nonprofit status.
- The club is in negotiations with the new owners of the building to secure a new 10-year lease with a minimal rent increase.
- The new landlords seem to appreciate the value of the club.

**Improvements:** The board reiterated its appreciation for the improvements made by its volunteers:

- Chuck moved the monitor that displays the game timer and results higher so it's easier to read and the counter below can be used.
- Ardie Laine is redesigning the club's bulletin boards.

**NLM Tournament:** Arrangements for the November 9-10 NLM tournament were reviewed:

- Teachers will continue to promote the tournament during classes. Larry will ensure that announcements are made at both Leisure World clubs.
- Judy will provide a variety of snacks.
- Various volunteers are baking to provide a personal touch.
- Jenny will support the director, Alan Flower, in collecting money.
- Lillian and Sharon will ensure the boards are made.
- Dalia Hernandez volunteered to help set up and get the tournament started each morning.
- Dalia, Fern Dunbar, and Hank Dunbar volunteered to caddy Sunday's Swiss teams. They will recruit a fourth.

**ACBL Teacher Training:** Rob Preece updated the board on ACBL's Best Practices training:

- The two-day Best Practices has replaced ACBL's Teacher Accreditation program.
- Long Beach could host it for \$1,700 plus the cost of facilities. Certification would be available for an additional (and optional) \$25 per person.
- Bridge Brigade has six teachers who might be interested in the training.
- Rob thought scheduling it during July's Long Beach Regional would increase participation. He will contact the tournament manager to determine if a complimentary room could be made available for the class.
- He will also clarify if the cost of materials is included.

**Board Elections:** Rosalie noted that new board elections will be held during the December 15<sup>th</sup> unit game:

- Lillian will post signup sheets for any interested members.
- Rob announced that he will be leaving the board after many years of service. He will be missed but has agreed to continue as an advisor.
- Larry Slutsky anticipates retiring but will recruit his replacement.

**Eight Is Enough:** This event was originally going to be held during the November team game. However, due to a conflict with the NAP finals, it has been cancelled.

- No one volunteered to be in charge of organizing the event in the future, so it has been indefinitely placed on hold.

**Disciplinary Procedures:** The new ACBL guidelines were distributed and briefly discussed:

- Effectively, it appears that the unit has no ACBL-sanctioned procedure to discipline a player.
- The club, however, can ban players and inasmuch as unit games are held at the club, players can be banned.
- Sharon indicated that the two banned players have been notified by the club.
- Due to time constraints, discussion of the need for a unit recorder and/or disciplinary committee was tabled.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Alan and seconded by Rob to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 11:15 a.m.

**Next Unit Game:** Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted: Lillian Slater**