



Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
September 17, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Rosalie Storc, President.

Absentee Members: Chuck Laine, Rita Vanlierop

Minutes: Judy Cook made a motion to accept the August minutes emailed to board members on 9/15/19. The motion was seconded by Rob Preece and unanimously approved.

Secretary Lillian Slater indicated that while Sandra Schlosser was welcomed to the board last meeting, she was not officially voted upon by the board. Dalia Hernandez made a motion to add Sandra to the board. The motion was seconded by Jenny Ernest and unanimously approved.

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

Beginning Checking Account (8/1/19)	\$15,603.21
Income (August Unit Game)	\$ 471.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,193.88
Ending Checking Account (8/31/19)	\$14,880.33*
Net Profit (Loss) for August Unit Game	\$ 100.52**

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

**The August unit game had 18 tables in the Open and eight tables in the 199'er section.

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

Unit Game: The next unit game will be Sunday, September 22nd, at 12:30 p.m.:

- Sean Lui will be the director.
- Sharon guaranteed that the boards would be made.
- Jenny and Renee will assist the director as needed.
- Lillian has sent a Pianola promotional email.
- Judy Cook will provide dessert.
- Rosalie will supervise the 199'er section.

Thanks to Chuck for pioneering the supervision of the 199'er section in August. He was ultimately used as a fill-in partner in the Open game. After discussion, it was decided that this volunteer will not be appropriated in that way again. He/she needs to be available to welcome the 199'ers and support them by directing/expediting table/board flow. Sean will handle all director's calls.

Hospitality Report: Renee Hoffman sent one Get Well card last month.

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

- The new session will begin on Monday, September 30th. OLLI has raised its class prices from \$10 to \$15.
- Supervised play on Mondays and Wednesdays during Intersession averaged seven or eight tables per day.
- Dalia's class on the Inverted Minors convention had four tables.
- Again, KUDOS and THANKS to all our volunteer teachers for their hard work and continuing support.
- The Pro Am is scheduled for Monday, September 9th. An invitational Pro Am will be held the following Monday, September 16th, for Am's who played as Pro's on September 9th.
- Bridge Brigade has invested in new boards and cards. Since the unit uses these resources, it was suggested at the July meeting that the board pay for one set. Sharon researched and presented the cost as \$186. A motion was made by Dalia, seconded by Fern Dunbar, and unanimously approved by the board to pay Bridge Brigade this amount.

Go for Gold: John Hagman reiterated that he thought this program was a good idea. He suggested that candidates apply to be supported in going for their gold. Board members agreed and generated the following action items:

- Create an application.
- Create a form to pay card fees for the helpers.
- Advertise and recruit at our November NLM tournament.

Sharon indicated that the board could apply for an ACBL grant to cover newer player's card fees at tournaments. A committee of Jenny, Lillian, Sharon, and Sandra will pursue this opportunity.

Disciplinary Actions: Due to an incident at the August unit game, the board had an extended review of and discussion about past and present disciplinary action by the unit and/or district versus the club.

- Rosalie presented information she obtained from ACBL's Compliance Coordinator, Sabrina Gomez.
- Board members recalled past disciplinary procedures and actions.
- John Jones presented information regarding the district's disciplinary committee.
- Two disciplinary actions were suggested; however, subsequent to the meeting, ACBL significantly changed its policies so these actions may no longer be appropriate.
- The ACBL changes and the board's proposed actions will be reviewed during the October board meeting.

New Business: The board unanimously selected Sharon as the unit's nominee for the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Member of the Year.

- A motion to do so was made by Alan Olschwang, seconded by Judy, and unanimously approved.
- Lillian volunteered to revise Rob's prior nomination and submit it by the October 15th deadline.

The guidelines for the Eight Is Enough team game were reviewed. This event will be scheduled on a future team-game Sunday.

Rosalie presented information about the Best Practices workshop for teachers that will be taught during the San Francisco NABC.

- The board expressed willingness to pay the course fees and a partial stipend for transportation and hotel expenses if any Bridge Brigade teachers are interested in attending.
- Alternatively, Rob suggested asking ACBL to present a Best Practices course at our club and making it available to all Southern California teachers. He will research if this is a possibility and at what cost.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Alan and seconded by Rob to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at 11:15 a.m.

Next Unit Game: Sunday, September 22, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lillian Slater