



Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
April 23, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:17 a.m. by Rosalie Storc, President.

Absentee Members: Jenny Ernest, Betty Jackson, Alan Olschwang

Resignation: Rosalie announced that Betty Jackson has resigned from the board. It was decided to thank her for her years of service to the unit:

- Rosalie will write a letter of appreciation.
- Dalia Hernandez will make a certificate.
- Larry Slutsky will present the letter and certificate to Betty during a Leisure World game.

Minutes: Secretary Lillian Slater indicated that the March minutes had minor revisions with the final emailed to board members on 3/31/19. Rob Preece made a motion to accept the March minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Dalia and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dalia indicated that the minutes can now be posted on the website in a timely manner since she has an assistant.

Treasurer's Report: Katharine Seibert presented Treasurer Jenny Ernest's March financial report:

Beginning Checking Account (3/1/19)	\$16,016.95
Income (February/March Unit Games)	\$ 896.00
Total Expenses	\$ 614.01
Ending Checking Account (3/31/19)	\$16,298.94*
Net Profit for March Unit Game	\$ 135.80**

*Includes \$173.57 that will be donated to the Women's Shelter at the end of the year. The unit also keeps \$180 in petty cash for use at unit games and tournaments.

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

Jenny has also filed this year's tax form.

After some discussion of the impact of the drawing for a Free Unit Game Play, Rob made a motion to eliminate the drawing. The motion was seconded by Fern Dunbar and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

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

- Kudos and thanks to Chuck Laine who relocated the award plaques to the front of the club. Thanks also to Katharine and Lillian who assisted in this effort.
- The Wall of Trophies is now frequently reviewed by members and has generated a lot of positive comments.

May Unit Game: The South Bay unit has cancelled its Memorial Day tournament for this year.

- At a previous meeting, the board cancelled our May unit game because it conflicted with this tournament.
- Renee made a motion to reinstate the May unit game as originally scheduled on Sunday, May 26th. The motion was seconded by Fern and unanimously approved by the Board.
- Sharon Biederman agreed to return the sanction to the unit.

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

- The new class sessions started on April 1st with a strong showing of more than 180 student sessions.
- Bridge Brigade purchased a second dealing machine to be used to make boards.
- Dalia suggested that the unit donate \$1,000 towards the almost \$4,000 cost of this machine since it is used to make the boards for our unit games and tournaments.
- Rob indicated that the unit used to pay to have the boards made so a donation towards the machine would be appropriate.
- A motion was made by Rob to donate \$1,000 to Bridge Brigade for the dealing machine. The motion was seconded by Dalia and unanimously approved by the Board.

Unit Game: The next unit game will be Sunday, April 28th, at 12:30 p.m.

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

April NLM Sectional: Lillian reviewed the results of the Sunday, April 7th, NLM sectional:

- It was well attended by Unit 557 players as well as guests from Los Angeles, Claremont, and Dana Point.
- The morning session had nine tables in the 0-50 section and 13 in the 51-499 section. In the afternoon, there were 4.5 tables in the 0-50 section and 13 in the 51-499 section.
- Total income was \$1,580 with expenses of \$522.68.
- The resulting Net Profit of \$1,057.32 was equally divided between Bridge Brigade and the unit, i.e., \$528.66 each.
- Rob was paid for directing the 0-50 section and assisting Alan Flower with other director calls. Thanks to both of them for their hard work.
- Thanks to Bonnie, Ardie Laine, Jenny, Rosalie, and Lillian for providing homemade snacks.

One complaint has been received about the director's composition of the 0-50 section. The situation was reviewed with Keith Wells, ACBL's Tournament Manager. John Jones offered to clarify the situation with the complainant and ACBL.

Issues discussed for future tournaments included:

- Continuing to pay two directors, one for each section.
- Obtaining 4+ volunteers from the board who will not be playing in the tournament.
- Posting ACBL results (and its emails to participants) in a timely manner.

Go for Gold: Rob updated the board on this committee's activities.

- Twenty candidates were contacted with emails/letters.
- Additional helpers are available but not enough candidates.
- Three pairs have expressed interest: Ernie Ross/Roy Tomooka, Peggy Spring/Judy Lorber, and Lynn Finley/Kay Hyland.
- Another email/letter will be sent to candidates.
- Rob is composing the email/letter. John Hagman will again provide snail mail support.

New Business: Rosalie reminded the board that Alan Flower still needs mentors for his Monday night session. The lesson is 6-6:30, followed by a mentor-mentee game from 7-9 p.m.

Lillian indicated that she would like to organize a Teacher Appreciation Week coinciding with the California Teacher's Day during the week of May 5-11.

- John made a motion to allocate \$200 for use for appreciation activities. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Shok and unanimously approved by the Board.

Rosalie suggested that the board make the December Unit Game free to members. She asked board members to consider the issue prior to the next board meeting where it will be discussed and decided.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dalia and seconded by Chuck to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 11:15 a.m.

Next Unit Game: Sunday, April 28, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lillian Slater