



Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
February 19, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:23 a.m. by Rosalie Storc, President.

Absentee Members: Fern Dunbar, Larry Slutsky

Minutes: A motion was made by Alan Olschwang to approve the January 22, 2019, minutes. The motion was seconded by Dalia Hernandez and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Beginning Checking Account (1/9/19)	\$15,479.36
Income	\$ 643.84
Total Expenses	\$ 240.60
Ending Checking Account (1/31/19)	\$15,882.60
Net Profit for January Unit Game	\$ 89.78*

*The January unit game had 14 tables in the Open and seven tables in the 199'er section.

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

Jenny also presented a recap of 2018 total Income and Expenses.

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

Bookshelves for Unit Charity Fundraiser: Kudos and thanks to Chuck Laine for the impressive bookshelves he made:

- Lots of compliments have been received about them. The area is tidier and access to the books is easier.
- Rosalie talked to MariAnn Satin about obtaining prior board approval for changes in this area. Renee took the extra books Los Alamitos/Rossmoor library.

Awards: Renee raised the issue of acknowledging online BBO play during the April Awards ceremony. After some discussion:

- It was decided that winners in the BBO Masterpoint Races should be acknowledged in the same manner as the Mini-McKenney winners.
- Board members agreed in principal to this idea.
- A formal motion and voting were deferred until the next meeting when the Awards Chairperson, Fern Dunbar, will be in attendance and can clarify exactly what the Mini-McKenney and BBO award(s) will be.

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

- The Pro-Am will be held on Monday, March 4th.
- Hank and Fern Dunbar will provide supervised play on Monday and Wednesday mornings during intersession.
- Rob Preece has designed two classes— Constructive and Competitive Bidding— to be held March 11 and March 18.
- Sharon and Alan Flower continue to support the Monday night game where mentors play with “mentees.”

New class sessions will start April 1st.

Starter Swiss: Lillian Slater discussed the revised and final guidelines for the Starter Swiss section at the club’s monthly club Swiss-team Sunday:

- The team’s total masterpoints must be 499 or less.
- No team member may have more than 200 masterpoints.

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

- Sean Lui will be the director.
- Sharon will make the boards.
- Renee and Lillian will assist the director as needed. Jenny will be out of town this month.
- Judy Cook will provide dessert.
- Sharon will supervise the 199’er section.

All Board members are encouraged to play in the Unit game. Everyone on the Board also needs to help clean up.

To motivate attendance, Bonnie Shok suggested free raffle tickets for a prize at each unit game. Discussion followed about a prize versus free play(s). The suggestion was tabled until the next board meeting.

Unit Bidding Boxes: Larry Slutsky requested eight boxes for use at Leisure World. Katharine Seibert will handle getting them to him.

Michigan Youth Bridge Camp: Rosalie presented information about a Michigan Youth Bridge Camp that the unit may want to support. After some discussion, it was decided that:

- The informational email would be forwarded to Board members for their review.
- The issue would be tabled until the next board meeting.

Gold Points: Rob Preece presented a proposal to support the unit's beginning tournament players earn their Gold Points.

- Sharon and Alan noted that experienced unit players supported them in this way.
- Rob proposed a committee to identify unit players who need to earn their Gold (candidates) and to recruit experienced unit players with minimal points (helpers) to play with them during the Long Beach Regional in July.
- The unit would pay the card fees of the helpers.
- Renee volunteered to be on the committee with Rob.
- Alan and John Hagman were identified as potential helpers and as additional members of the committee.

A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Sharon, and unanimously approved by the Board to allocate \$500 to pay card fees for helpers identified by the committee.

Use of Unit Funds: An additional use of unit funds was discussed. Any teacher who wanted to attend the ACBL Best Practices Accreditation offered during Nationals could have his/her tuition paid by the unit.

ALACBU: No update was provided.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Alan, seconded by Dalia, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 11:15 a.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Lillian Slater