



**Long Beach Unit 557**

**Board Minutes**

*January 19, 2016*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11 am by Rob Preece, President.

**Members Present:** Ralph Brunson, Dalia Hernandez, Fern Dunbar, John Hagman, Betty Jackson, Janet Logan, Rob Preece, Alan Olschwang, MariAnn Satin and Rosalie Storc

**Also Present:** Larry Slutsky

**Absentee Members:** Cliff Goodrich, Renee Hoffman, Diane Sachs and Kevin Lane

The President welcomed and introduced the newly elected board members: John Hagman, Janet Logan and Alan Olschwang.

Larry Slutsky presented each board member with a copy of Unit 557s mission statement.

The meeting commenced with the Election of Officers officiated by Rob Preece.

The 2016 Unit 557 Board Officers are:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Rob Preece</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Dalia Hernandez</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Betty Jackson</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Nomination (Pending)</b> <b>Rosalie Storc, Acting Secretary</b>

**Committee Chairpersons, Advisors, Coordinators and Representatives:**

<b>I/N Coordinator:</b>	<b>Dalia Hernandez</b>
<b>Hospitality Chairperson:</b>	<b>Renee Hoffman</b>
<b>Refreshments Chairperson:</b>	<b>Janet Logan</b>
<b>Leisure World Representative:</b>	<b>Larry Slutsky</b>
<b>Board Member Advisor:</b>	<b>Diane Sachs</b>
<b>Audit Committee Member:</b>	<b>Alan Olschwang</b>
<b>Unit Game Director Coordinator:</b>	<b>MariAnn Satin</b>

**Sectional Chairperson: Kevin Lane**  
**Sectional Chairperson Assistant: Ralph Brunson**  
**Awards/Trophy Chairperson: Fern Dunbar**  
**Outreach and Tournament Committee Member: John Hagman**

The minutes were presented. Rob moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Fern Dunbar.

The minutes were accepted and approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Betty Jackson reports the bank balance is \$14,695.43. A check and service charge for \$465.00 was recently presented, therefore the treasurer will adjust the records and the current bank balance.

Rob explained that the bank balance includes a fund that is held for future directors requiring CPR training. Rob also states that some money must be held in reserve for expenditures such as operating unit and sectional games. He mentions that there is “discretionary money” that could be used to support the game of bridge.

Alan Olschwang asked if purchasing bidding boxes was ever considered. Rob explained that purchasing Bridge Mates has been contemplated in the past but an agreement between the LBBC management and the unit was unsuccessful.

Betty announced that bank audits are required every two years but recommends that we continue making informal monthly bank balance audits. Rob asked for a volunteer to assume this responsibility. Alan volunteered for this position.

Rob stressed that each board member volunteer for the various unit committees. Subsequently, board members volunteered as Chairpersons and/or Committee members. In addition, board members are encouraged to assist all committees as needed.

**Hospitality Report:** Condolence and Get Well cards have been sent to various board members and/or families.

**Sectional/Unit Game:** Brandon Shuemaker, LBBC Manager, reports that the boards are ready for this Sunday’s unit game. MariAnn states that Cliff Goodrich will be the Director. Janet Logan will provide dessert refreshments for approximately eighty players. Fern Dunbar will continue as Trophy Chairperson and announced ACBL award changes. There are two new categories:

**Life Time Ruby Master (1500-2500 MPS)**

**Life Time Sapphire Master (3500-5000 MPS)**

**Fern states that there are twenty-nine members that qualify for a ruby status. She also mentions additional plaques and trophies are required and a decision should be made to offer license plates that include the title of Ruby Life Master.**

**Sectional (499 Game): Rob states that Kevin Lane will change the date of the sectional game because of conflict dates with other tournaments. Kevin will report the changes.**

**Betty asked for a copy of the sanctions. Rob will provide this information.**

**ALACBU/ACBL: Betty mentioned a game is scheduled at the Sheraton Hotel. Additional information is provided in the flyers at the front desk of the LBBC. Rob states the district requires increased attendance at games in order to improve finances. Rob also mentioned that players staying at the hotel also enhances the district's financial status. Betty suggested that a regional game be proposed between Christmas and New Year's Eve since there are no games scheduled during that time. Board members agree with Betty's suggestion.**

**I/N Coordinator: Dalia continues to plan newcomer's games introducing them to duplicate bridge.**

**Old Business: Rob announced that Hank Dunbar will continue teaching the Tuesday afternoon class but requires occasional substitutes. Dalia and Janet volunteered as substitute teachers.**

**Sharon Biderman and Kevin Lane have been teaching Bob Mault's classes in his absence. Rob made a suggestion that if a member is interested in taking the ACBL Certification Teaching Program, the unit will pay the fee. Betty made a motion supporting Rob's suggestion, seconded by Alan. The motion was carried and approved.**

**New Business: Rosalie distributed the Long Beach Unit 557 By-laws to each new board member. No further new business at this time.**

**Adjournment: Rob adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Rosalie Storc, Secretary

**Next Meeting: February 23, 2016 at 11:00 am**