



Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
January 22, 2019

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

Absentee Members: None

Minutes: The minutes were submitted by Lillian Slater, Secretary, with minor editing for clarity regarding the number of tables participating in the NLM tournament.

- Lillian also indicated that she added Dalia's contributions to Bridge Brigade. Dalia raises \$60 per week from her small-group tutoring sessions. She generously donates her time to develop players and to support Bridge Brigade.
- A motion was made by Alan Olschwang and seconded by John Hagman to approve the December minutes as edited. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Beginning Checking Account (12/01/18)	\$15,483.87
Income	\$ 584.50
Total Expenses	\$ 589.01
Ending Checking Account (12/31/18)	\$15,479.36
Net Profit for October Unit Game	\$ 54.30*

*The October unit game had 17 tables in the Open and six tables in the 199'er section.

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

Use of Funds: Given the unit's available funds, ways to spend the money were discussed:

- Identify suggested titles to be purchased and added to the library.
- Pay the supervisor of the 199'er section of the unit game.
- Hire students as caddies for the November NLM Swiss teams.
- Purchase and donate a PA system to the club.

This issue will continue to be discussed and evaluated.

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

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

- New classes started right after the holidays.
- She and Alan Flower continue to expand the Monday night game where mentors play with "mentees." Additional volunteers are needed as mentors.

Unit Bidding Boxes: The unit has 165 plastic bidding boxes that were used when larger tournaments were held.

- After discussion, it was decided that the "guts" of these 165 boxes, i.e., the bidding cards, would be loaned not given to clubs in the unit.
- A motion was made by Lillian and seconded by John to loan the bidding cards to any club in the unit with the understanding that the club will order and replace them when needed by the unit. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Unit Game: The next unit game will be Sunday, January 27, at 12:30 p.m.

- Katharine already made the boards.
- Renee and Fern will assist the director as needed.
- Judy Cook will provide dessert. Lillian took this opportunity to note that Judy is an "unsung hero" in her support of the unit and club. She quietly but efficiently provides ice cream and snacks for the club as well as desserts for unit events. Thank you, Judy, for your ongoing support!
- Lillian noted that several board members are playing in the San Juan Capistrano Sectional during the unit game. Accordingly, other board members need to help with the cleanup.
- Lillian already sent a Pianola email promoting the unit game.

2019 Unit Board: Rob Preece proposed that the board accept the slate of officers pending ratification at the January unit meeting:

- Rob nominated Rosalie Storc as president. It was seconded by Betty Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.

- After this motion was approved, Rosalie assumed leadership of the meeting.
- Alan Olschwang nominated Lillian to be Vice-President in addition to her current position as Secretary. Seconded by Rob, it was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Rob and Rosalie will handle the ratification of the Board at the January Unit Game.

April NLM Tournament: Lillian, Tournament Manager, briefly updated the board on the Sunday, April 7, tournament:

- This tournament is a joint effort between the club and the unit. Expenses and profits will be divided equally.
- Lillian presented the flyer made by Christine Frumen. Thanks again, Christine!
- Sharon has printed 125 color copies.
- Copies were given to Larry Slutsky for posting/distribution at Leisure World.
- Lillian suggested anyone attending tournaments should promote this upcoming tournament.
- Alan Flower has been booked as the Director.

Women's Shelter Book Fundraiser: There is an abundance of books now. Fern has been working with MariAnn Satin to organize and display books now in bags along the edge of the room:

- After discussion Sharon made a motion to donate duplicate and/or excess books to the VA or another nonprofit. The motion was seconded by Judy and unanimously approved by the Board.
- Rosalie will notify MariAnn of the motion and ask her to clear future actions with the unit board.

ALACBU: Diane Sachs has resigned.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Alan Olschwang, seconded by Dalia, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

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

Next Unit Game: Sunday, January 27, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lillian Slater