



Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
January 21, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:16 a.m. by Rosalie Storc, President.

Absentee Members: Chuck Laine, Bonnie Shok

Introductions: New board members, Judith Jones and Charlotte Roush, were welcomed. The other board members introduced themselves, noting their responsibilities. In addition to being treasurer, Jenny Ernest sends welcome letters to new members. Renee Hoffman provide both hospitality and partnership support.

Minutes: Alan Olschwang made a motion to accept the November minutes. The motion was seconded Sandra Schlosser and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jenny presented the November and December financial reports:

Beginning Checking Account (11/1/19)	\$15,903.42
Income (November Unit Sectional)	2,200.00
Expenses (November Unit Sectional)	815.79
Expenses (October Unit Game)	185.50
Expenses (Checks)	14.74
Ending Checking Account (11/30/19)	\$17,087.39*
Beginning Checking Account (12/1/19)	\$17,087.39
Income (Charity)	235.06
Expenses (November Unit Sectional)	213.57
Expenses (December Unit Game)	186.32
Expenses (2020 Directories)	449.26
Expenses (Long Beach Women's Shelter)	492.38
Ending Checking Account (12/31/19)	\$15,980.92
Net Profit (Loss) for December Unit Game	(\$ 409.38)**

- *Includes \$257.32 that will be donated to the Women's Shelter at the end of the year.
- **The December unit game had 13 tables in the Open and four tables in the 199'er section for a total of 68 players. Attendance was down due to the schedule conflict with the Rancho Mirage Regional tournament. No card fees were collected as a holiday gift to unit members so the game lost money.

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

Jenny noted that, overall, the unit posted a net profit of \$437 for its 11 unit games in 2019.

Directories: Directory sales to date total \$110. Judith Jones will take some directories to sell at Leisure World. Lillian Slater and Jenny will work with Sharon Biederman to keep the directory updated with new students.

Hospitality Report: Renee Hoffman sent four cards in December, three Get Well and one Sympathy.

Unit Game: The next unit game will be Sunday, January 26th:

- Cliff Goodrich will be the director.
- The boards will be made.
- Renee and Fern Dunbar will assist the director as needed.
- Judy Cook will provide dessert. Judy noted that costs will be higher because the Lakewood Costco bakery is now only selling pies during the holidays. Other board members volunteered to check pie availability at other Costco locations and report back to Judy.
- Rita Vanlierop will supervise the 199'er section.
- Kiyoko Nagaishi has agreed to continue to provide vegetable/fruit trays at the unit games. Donations will be requested but the unit will guarantee a \$20 reimbursement per game.
- Lillian has sent the Pianola email to advertise/promote the unit game.

Bridge Brigade: Sharon provided an update on Bridge Brigade:

- The club is signing a 13-year lease with yearly cost-of-living increases and an allocation for facility improvements.
- Donations were received in December to fund needed improvements in the kitchen/bathroom areas.
- Bridge Brigade will fund any remainder in order to keep card fees at \$10 per game.

After discussion the board decided to donate \$3,000 towards the facility improvements. A motion to do so was made Alan, seconded by Judy Cook, and unanimously approved.

Fundraising: Jane Reid presented other ideas for fundraising including plaques, named donations, other public recognition, etc. Jane did fundraising for the Assistance League for many years. Thanks to Jane for this presentation.

- Jane agreed to chair a committee to pursue some of these ideas.
- Sharon, Renee, Rosalie and Charlotte volunteered to be on the committee.

Unit Sanctions: After some discussion, the board decided to allocate its 24 unit sanctions as follows based on the size of each club:

- 3 to Leisure World Duplicate Bridge Club (Clubhouse 3)
- 2 to Burning Tree Duplicate Bridge Club (Clubhouse 1)
- 7 to Long Beach Bridge
- 12 to be used for our monthly unit games on January 26, February 23, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22, and December 20
- The board decided to hold a November unit game this year since the date does not conflict with the Thanksgiving weekend.

A motion was made by Dalia Hernandez, seconded by Sandra, and unanimously approved by the board to accept this allocation:

- Judith Jones will coordinate with the Leisure World clubs to determine the dates for their sanctions.
- Rob Preece has already applied for January unit sanction.
- Lillian will apply for the sanctions for the remaining unit games and Leisure World's.

Eight Is Enough: This event has been indefinitely tabled.

ACBL Teacher Training: Rob is no longer on the board but has agreed to continue serving on the committee to arrange this training. Sandra agreed to chair the committee with Lillian also serving on it.

NLM Sectional: Lillian reminded the board that a joint club/unit sectional is scheduled for Sunday, April 5th:

- Ardie Laine is creating the flyer.
- Charlotte Roush has agreed to assume the partnership desk.

Election of Officers: After discussion, the board decided to elect the same officers as last year. A motion to do so was made by Alan, seconded by Dalia, and unanimously approved.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Alan and seconded by Judy Cook to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 11 a.m. (NOTE THE CHANGE IN START TIME.)

Next Unit Game: Sunday, January 26, 2020, at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lillian Slater