



Long Beach Unit 557

Board Minutes

July 21, 2015

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by the President, Rob Preece.

All members were present except Cliff Goodrich, Diane Sachs and Fern Dunbar.

Also present: Larry Slutsky, Sean Lui and Guest Speaker – Rand Pinsky.

Rob introduced Mr. Pinsky who is the current District Director. Rob mentioned that Mr. Pinsky was very supportive when the unit presented the LBIAD program. The guest speaker is a candidate for the position of District Director in the forthcoming District Wide election which will be held on August 15, 2015. Mr. Pinsky spoke of his experience, qualifications and accomplishments while holding this office. His platform will focus on improving technology for the district and increasing membership. He is an advocate of the “Tricks of the Trade” program which is designed to support club managers and owners. He also supports national charity and good will committees. Time was allowed for questions and answers. Several board members asked pertinent questions regarding the position of District Manager.

Rob asked the board for a discussion regarding election voting preferences. Betty Jackson suggested the election be scheduled at a meeting rather than voting on line. Colleen inquired if the meeting would be scheduled at a board meeting. Rob stated that the usual board meeting and the election could take place simultaneously. Betty made a motion to schedule the election at the August board meeting. MariAnn seconded the motion. The motion was carried and approved.

The secretary presented the June minutes. Betty made several corrections. Namely, correcting the amount of book sales from \$23.00 to \$28.00. Other additions to the minutes are that Kevin Lane will be responsible for the Sunday luncheon at the fall sectional game. The board will assume responsibility for the Saturday luncheon. Betty also requested that the title of her position and retiring position be stated in the minutes. Rob holds that the minutes will be amended and accepted.

Treasurer’s Report: Betty Jackson, Treasurer, reports:

Bank Balance as on June 30, 2015	\$14,146.05
Assets:	13,946.05
Petty Cash:	300.00
Income:	408.00
Expenses:	817.00

Hospitality Report: Phyllis Greenstein sent sympathy cards to member's families and Get well cards to several members. She also sent welcome letters to new members. Kevin asked if the new members had transferred from other clubs. Larry mentioned one member was a transfer,

Sectional/Unit Game: Kevin mentioned that the boards for the unit game will be arranged by the LBBC. Three sets of boards will be prepared and Brandon Sheumaker, Manager, is aware.

Rosalie requested that refreshments be served at the forthcoming Silent Auction which will be held on the same day as the unit game in lieu of dessert. Rob suggested we serve refreshments after the unit game and still serve dessert during the break.

Betty suggested we move the game to 12:30 pm rather than 1:00 pm. A discussion ensued but the decision was to continue a 1:00 pm game schedule.

Fall Sectional: Kevin reports we can continue to rent additional space as in past sectional games.

Silent Auction: Rosalie reported the status of the Silent Auction. She gave details of the bidding process and thanked members who helped in the preparation of the auction. This event will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

I/N Coordinator: Dalia is preparing for future games for players new to the game of duplicate bridge.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: Rob reports that a member approached him regarding a Bea Kenman memorial perhaps as a scholarship program for new players. Betty suggested a regional game in her honor. Our unit could send the required \$100.00 fee. A decision will be made after speaking to the family.

Another member suggested we collect fees at bridge tables during future unit games. The board decided against this suggestion.

Kevin mentioned a concern that regional unit games may have a loss in revenue. He asked Rand Pinsky if there is a solution to this problem. Betty mentioned the loss is not due to attendance. Rand answered that he is aware of the problem and plans to address the issue.

Rob thanked Mr. Pinsky for attending and speaking at this board meeting.

Adjournment: Rob called the meeting to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2015

10:30am

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosalie Storck, Secretary