



Long Beach Unit 557

Board Minutes

July 19, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Rob Preece, President, at 11:04 am.

All members were present with the exception of Kevin Lane.

The June minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Betty Jackson, Treasurer, reports the bank balance is \$11,779.09. In addition, \$180.00 is held in petty cash. There is a total balance of \$11,959.09. Betty further reports a computer Bridge Mates expense of \$250.00. Therefore, a loss of \$277.09 was incurred. Diane Sachs inquired about the computer expense. Rob explained the computer cost and that an executive decision was made to approve the expense. Betty mentions that there were more free games awarded than usual at the recent unit game. Rob stated that the free games were warranted.

Hospitality Report: Renee Hoffman has sent get well and condolence cards to several members and member families. In some instances, she has included pictures of some of the members involved. She mentions that there are recent occurrences and appropriate cards will be sent.

Sectional/Unit Game:

New Players: Rob applauds Sharon Biderman and her team for their efforts in establishing new player programs. Team members include: Steve Ramos, Hank Dunbar, Dalia Hernandez, Kevin Lane, Janet Logan, Rob Preece, Jane Reid and Melanie Smith

The recent LBIAD program included twenty-nine participants. Many of these participants have signed up for classes. Rob is working on programs and games to introduce new players to duplicate bridge. He also states that volunteers are needed to assist in future games and programs. Dalia reports that last Wednesday, a celebration game was held for the Bridge Plus players. She also states that the committee is also discussing transitioning new players to duplicate bridge. They are encouraging these players to play in the unit game. A support person will be needed to help in these games. Often, the director is unable to afford more time for the "back-room" game. Dalia suggests a sign-up sheet be available for the designated person who will help assist.

MariAnn Satin reports that Brandon Shuemaker will be the director for this Sunday's unit game. Janet Logan will arrange for dessert refreshments. Cliff Goodrich verified that the boards have been prepared.

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Rob mentions that at the last two unit games, gifts were awarded to players in the 499er section game as an incentive to increase attendance. Attendance remains poor, therefore an executive meeting was called to discuss this issue. A decision was made to convert the 499er game to a 199er game. This decision was made to encourage new players to participate in duplicate bridge. In addition to changing the game to a 199er, a reduced fee will be offered. Rob suggested a theme, "Bridge for a Buck."

The board members are supportive of this change. John Hagman suggested a different theme, \$1.99 for a 199er game." Janet mentioned that there are enough bridge mates that could be used for the new 199er game. Betty mentioned that the 199er game must be played even if there are few players. The board members agree. Diane asked for clarification regarding the amount of boards needed to play in order to grant master points. Cliff stated that there must be a minimum of three tables and eighteen boards played. Hand records will be provided. Rosalie asked if all players with less than 199 master points are eligible to play. Rob said, yes they can play, but more experienced players should realize the game may have limitations. These players should be encouraged to play in the open game. Rob added that more rewards can be offered if more players participate in the open game.

Diane Sachs moved that Sundays new 199er game be offered as a "Bridge for a Buck" and in future unit games be offered as \$1.99 for a 199er game." Dalia seconded the motion. The motion was carried and accepted.

2016 Sectional Game: Kevin to report the status of the sectional game upon his return.

I/N Coordinator: Please refer to New Players report.

ALACU: Diane Sachs and Janet Logan attended the meeting. The guest speaker was Billy Miller. One highlight included that game times are still favorable for 9:00am, 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Janet mentions that players staying at the tournament hotel are readily available to play in evening games which have been well attended. However, players that are commuting are less apt to play in the evening games. Rob suggests that board members ask players for feedback regarding preferred tournament scheduled game times.

Diane reports that District 22 is very supportive of regional games. Renee asked if the regional games are profitable. Diane answered in the affirmative.

Betty Jackson reports financial statistics of the recent STAC game. Income amount is \$9,546.00 (1,591 tables @ \$6.00.) Expenses incurred is \$8,614.92 which leaves a net amount of \$931.08. District 23 is slightly financially depressed at this time.

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Old Business: Janet reports final payments have been made for the Bridge Mates purchase.

Rosalie reports that an E-mail was sent to board members regarding a CPR training program. In short, contact was made with the manager of a new CPR training facility. Reduced rates for future training was offered by this facility. An added feature is that the CPR facility is in close proximity.

New Business: Rob presented the board with an issue regarding the 2016 sectional game. Since a facility to hold this event has not been determined, a decision must be made if a sectional game will be scheduled. Betty mentioned that there have been several STAC games this year. A brief discussion ensued. Although disappointing, the consensus was the sectional game is not feasible at this time. Betty made a motion to cancel this year's sectional game unless Kevin reports that he has located a venue. Cliff seconded the motion. The board voted and the motion was accepted.

Adjournment: Rob called to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

NEXT MEETING: August 23, 2013

NEXT UNIT GAME: August 28, 2016

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosalie Storck, Secretary