



Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
July 23, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:21 a.m. by Rosalie Storc, President.

Absentee Members: John Hagman, Dalia Hernandez, Larry Slutsky

Minutes: Rob Preece made a motion to accept the corrected June minutes emailed to board members on 7/21/19. A typo was corrected and the location of the posted Bridge Brigade and club financials was added. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Shok and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jenny Ernest presented the June financial report:

Beginning Checking Account (6/1/19)	\$15,755.99
Income (June Unit Game)	\$ 520.00
Total Expenses	\$ 356.80
Ending Checking Account (6/30/19)	\$15,919.19*
Net Profit (Loss) for May Unit Game	\$ 107.60**

*Includes \$237.32 that will be donated to the Women's Shelter at the end of the year.

**The June unit game had 19 tables in the Open and nine tables in the 199'er section.

This unit game had the second highest attendance since Jenny has been treasurer. Expenses for it were higher because Costco had no pies, so cookies were purchased instead and served with a suggestion to make an ice cream sandwich. Attendees enjoyed the change so Judy Cook will periodically work them into the refreshment rotation.

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

Hospitality Report: Renee Hoffman sent three cards last month, two for Get Well and one for Condolence.

Unit Board: Rosalie welcomed our new board member, Rita Vanlierop, to the meeting. A motion was made by Alan Olschwang and seconded by Lillian Slater to appoint Rita to the board, to be elected during the December membership meeting at the unit game.

Bridge Brigade: Sharon Biederman provided an update on Bridge Brigade:

- Week 3 of the July-August class session was just completed. The next session will start in October.
- Monday classes are so large that all the rooms are full and the teachers have to compete to be heard.
- To alleviate this situation, Bridge 1 will move to Tuesday effective the next class session starting in October.

Unit Game: The next unit game will be Sunday, July 28th, at 12:30 p.m.

- Sean Lui will be the director.
- Sharon guaranteed that the boards would be made.
- Jenny and Renee will assist the director as needed.
- Lillian has sent a Pianola promotional email.
- Judy Cook will provide dessert.
- Sharon will supervise the 199'er section.

Renee suggested that 199'er players be referred to a person stationed right outside the back room who will collect their money and make a table assignment.

- The only exception will be anyone who needs a partner should stay near the front desk so Renee can handle the request.

Sharon clarified Renee's question about the location of change for the coke machine. Keeping it on the counter was not working, so it was moved to the desk where the director will provide change when asked.

ALACBU: Rosalie wanted the board to know that she was proud of our unit representatives and Dalia for handling a bad situation at the July ALACBU board meeting with poise and professionalism.

Lillian presented the ALACBU invoice of \$680.40 for the Southern California Bridge News online newsletter published by District 23:

- Rob explained that this newsletter is an assembly of unit reports, the President's, John Jones', and District Director Kevin Lane's columns.
- Rob added that the theory is that it is bonding to know what's happening in other units.
- Our unit is one of the bigger ones in the district.

ALACBU (continued)

Lillian shared information from emails between herself and Bob Shore, the new ALACBU president.

- The high costs of the online newsletter are due to paying someone \$400 a month to assemble it.
- Based on our Pianola email notifications, 21% of our membership require letters rather than email notifications. Accordingly, they probably don't receive/access this newsletter.

After discussion Alan made a motion to pay the invoice but have ALACBU representatives raise these issues at a future board meeting. Rob seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Unit Directory: Jenny reported that Fed Ex can publish the updated directory at the same costs as before.

- Lillian has sent one Pianola message to unit members to update their information, and another will be sent in late August. Requests for updates will also be announced at the unit game and at the club.
- Jenny will provide a copy to be updated for posting at Leisure World near the whiteboard with the seat assignments.

Discussion continued about whether or not to charge \$1 for the new directory:

- Rob and Alan proposed that the first copy be free and then \$1 for subsequent ones; however, all agreed this would be a bookkeeping nightmare.
- Sharon made a motion to offer the new unit directory for \$1 per copy. The motion was seconded by Renee and approved by the board with 9 in favor and 3 opposed.

Go for Gold: Rob Preece updated the board on this committee's activities.

- Four games were played at the Long Beach Regional where helpers were partnered with candidates. Unfortunately, no Gold was earned although one team was very close placing fourth, just "out of the money."
- Rob will send a questionnaire to candidates to determine their satisfaction and suggestions.
- Rob thanked the committee members and helpers for volunteering for the program.
- Alan was a helper and found it to be a worthy project.
- As one of the candidates, Rosalie appreciated the support and enjoyed the experience.

Feedback will be assessed prior to the Costa Mesa Regional the first week in September.

New Business: Since John Hagman was at Nationals in Las Vegas, discussion regarding the Eight Is Enough team game was tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Alan and seconded by Rob to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 11:15 a.m.

Next Unit Game: Sunday, July 28, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lillian Slater