



Long Beach Unit 557

Board Minutes

June 20, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Rob Preece, President, at 11:00 am.

All board members were present except for Ralph Brunson and Renee Hoffman.

Also present: Larry Slutsky, Leisure World Representative.

Treasurer's Report: Betty Jackson, Treasurer reports the bank balance is \$12,241.08 which includes petty cash in the amount of \$180.00. The recent unit game incurred a loss of \$78.17. Total loss for the month is \$247.87. CPR expenses attributed to this month's loss. Betty also mentioned that sanction fees have been increased to \$225.00.

Hospitality Report: Rob asked the board to report if sympathy or get well cards are to be sent to members.

Sectional Tournament/Unit Game: Rob reminded that this Sunday, June 25, 2016 is a unit game. MariAnn Satin informs that Cliff Goodrich will be the Director. Janet announced that peach pie will be served for refreshments.

Rob asked for a discussion regarding gifts for the winning pair playing in the NLM unit game. At the last unit game, two bottles of wine were awarded to the winning pair. Several suggestions were made regarding the merit of gifts and ways to encourage greater participation. The suggestions included free games and fee reductions. Betty suggested a pre-paid reservation list. This pre-paid fee could be refunded if a 499 game is waived. It was mentioned that the decision to hold a 499 unit game is made on the day of the event. Therefore, it would be difficult to inform pre-paid players in a timely fashion if a 499 game is cancelled.

Kevin asked if the Wednesday class participants could be encouraged to play. Rob mentioned that class graduates already receive a free game. Kevin also suggested that we continue to award winners with a gift for a few months in order to ascertain increased participation. Rosalie suggests we continue to announce unit games at all NLM club games. Larry and Diane will continue announcing games at Leisure World. Further announcements will be made at Tuesday games by Rob, Friday games by Cliff and Saturday games by Rosalie.

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Alan Olschwang made a motion to award winners of a unit NLM game with a future free unit game. If NLM players play in the open game, the free game will still be honored. Dalia Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion was carried and approved.

Kevin reports that he continues to research facilities to hold a sectional tournament. The budget for rental fees is approximately \$2500.00 for three days. He also mentions that the facility must be large enough to host a sectional tournament. A minimum of 4,000 sq. ft. is required.

Betty and Rosalie made suggestions for a facility that may meet the requirements. They will research further and report to the board.

Rob states that strong efforts be made to continue a sectional tournament. Cancelling a sectional tournament would be a grave disappointment. Rob also announced the dates for the forth-coming regional tournament in Long Beach. All board members are encouraged to attend and are asked to encourage members to attend. Rob also researched modes of transportation to the regional tournament. Transportation by bus is easily accessible and affordable.

I/N Coordinator: Beginner classes and games continue to be well attended.

Old Business: Janet suggests that the board adopt a policy regarding the rental of the unit's recently purchased Bridge Mates. A discussion regarding appointing a member to be in charge of the Bridge Mates, storage and rental fees. Janet volunteered to continue the role of "Bridge Mate Custodian." Diane Sachs made a motion to charge \$1.00 per table. Dalia seconded the motion. Allen made a friendly amendment that the renter be responsible for picking up and bringing back the Bridge Mates in good condition. Diane accepted the amendment. Dalia suggests that there be no charge for classes that will be using the Bridge Mates for training purposes. The motion was carried and accepted.

New Business:

ACBLU: Diane reports that a regional tournament is scheduled at the Sheraton hotel. Betty asked Kevin, "why did fees go up?" Kevin answered that a general increase was decided with sanction fees accepted favorably. Other fees were not favorably accepted. Kevin also reports that a Lead Council has been hired in Mississippi.

CPR: Rosalie informed the board that a CPR training school has opened in the same building as the LBBC. She will research this facility for proper credentials and fees. If appropriate, CPR trainees can acquire training at this close facility.

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Betty encourages greater participation at the LBBC games and offered several suggestions. Rob agreed that Betty's ideas are good suggestions and should be considered at future board meetings.

Adjournment: Rob adjourned the meeting at 12 noon.

NEXT MEETING: July 19, 2016

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosalie Storck, Secretary