



Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
June 18, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:23 a.m. by Rosalie Storc, President.

Absentee Members: None

Minutes: Alan Olschwang made a motion to accept the May minutes emailed to board members on 6/17/19 with the dates of unit games corrected. The motion was seconded by Dalia Hernandez and unanimously approved.

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

Beginning Checking Account (5/1/19)	\$15,960.19
Income (May Unit Game)	\$ 270.00
Income Charity Donations	\$ 23.00
Total Expenses	\$ 497.20
Ending Checking Account (5/31/19)	\$15,755.99*
Net Profit (Loss) for May Unit Game	(\$ 67.20)**

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

**The May unit game had 13 tables in the Open and eight tables in the 199'er section.

The Open attendance was down from 21 tables the prior month. Combined with the redemption of 15 Free Play cards from our April awards, it resulted in a loss for this unit game.

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

Hospitality Report: Renee Hoffman sent six cards last month, five for Get Well and one for Sympathy.

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

- June has been Intersession month.
- Participation at supervised play in the mornings has grown.
- Hank and Fern Dunbar's Monday session of a mini-lesson and supervised play has 12 tables.
- John Jones added that the quality of the bridge in the Beginner/Newcomers games on Monday and Wednesday afternoons has also significantly improved. He observes preempts and competitive bidding with higher-level questions being asked during the game.
- Credit goes to Bridge Brigade's teachers who deliver and coach an organized, sequential, and comprehensive education program.
- The new class sessions will start on Monday, July 8th, after the holiday and after the Long Beach Regional.

Bridge Brigade's Silent Auction was set up this morning and will remain open until five minutes after the unit game:

- Its success is due to the pros who so generously volunteer their time to be auctioned for a game and postmortem analysis.
- The player and the pro do not have to pay card fees when their game is played.

Sharon posts the financial statements for Bridge Brigade on the club's bulletin board.

Pro Am: The June 3rd Pro Am was very successful with about 18 tables participating.

- Due to the turnout, several intermediate/advancing amateurs had to play as pros with the newer students.
- Sharon is scheduling an additional mini-Pro Am on Monday, June 24th, at 9:30 a.m., for these players.

Monday Mentoring: Alan Flower remains enthusiastic and positive about the participation in Monday night's mentor-mentee game.

- There were six tables last night.
- Alan could have used more mentors.
- Jo Melis provides a mini-lesson at 6 p.m. with the game starting at 6:30. Play usually ends by 8:30 p.m.

Unit Game: The next unit game will be Sunday, June 23rd, at 12:30 p.m.

- Sean Lui will be the director.
- John Benson has already made the boards.
- 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.

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

- The committee was not overwhelmed with responses to its second mailing to candidates.
- A schedule is set for Saturday and Sunday of the Long Beach Regional.
- The program is well intended but has not been successful as presently conceived.
- The committee will be reviewing it to determine its efficacy/future.

The Longest Day The Longest Day game will be held on June 21st with profits going to charity. Nationally, this has been the Alzheimer's Association.

- Rob commented that the unit has not received a lot of benefit from this activity and proposed that we use our fundraising profits for local needs. For example, people who play with our older players receive a Free Play for a later game.
- Chuck Laine added that we need to take care of our own.
- Dalia noted that doing this locally will help keep the club and its older members active.
- In past years, the unit has donated \$350 to this charity fundraiser. Lillian made a motion to donate \$350 to be used locally to support our older unit members. Dalia seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

ALACBU: Mike Marcucci, its president, requested the names of our three representatives to this board.

- Rosalie provided their names last Saturday. They are Renee Hoffman, Sharon Biederman, and Lillian Slater.
- The meeting will be held Saturday night, July 7th, during the Long Beach Regional.
- A new president will be elected at this meeting.
- John Jones reviewed the qualifications of the three candidates for president.

New Board Members: Rita Vanlierop has agreed to join our board. She is providing website support in addition to other help.

- We could add an additional board member to replace Katharine Seibert.
- Dalia reiterated that we need to recruit workers and not just fillers for the board.
- New board members can be appointed early and then elected by the membership during the December meeting.

Sectional Tournaments: A unit member requested our unit schedule a sectional open to Life Masters but limiting attendance by reservations.

- The unit's experience of not being able to accommodate an Open sectional was reviewed.
- Various people noted San Juan Capistrano's problems with its Open sectional, even when reservations were required.
- Tournaments held outside the Long Beach Bridge venue are very costly and lose money.

Tournaments (continued):

- Pamela Cole suggested an Eight Is Enough team game. John Hagman is pursuing this.
- John Jones reported that the outstanding complaint about our April Sectional has been resolved. After talking to ACBL representatives across the country, the initial ruling was upheld. The complaint could be taken to binding arbitration but the complainant decided to drop the issue. Lillian and the directors will ensure this problem does not occur in the upcoming tournaments.

New Business: Jenny reviewed the specifics of publishing another copy of the unit directory:

- Her husband has agreed to do the formatting again.
- The prior printing was 300 copies for \$324. Jenny believes she can get close to this cost again.
- 8 x 11 ½ copies of the directory will be posted at the club and at Leisure World to solicit updates.
- Lillian will send Pianola messages to ask people to provide updates by October 1st.
- The planned republication will be December 1st.

A discussion ensued about whether or not a nominal fee of \$1 should be charged for a copy of the directory:

- Sharon stated that members have indicated to her that they would pay for a copy but none are available.
- Several argued that paying a nominal fee adds value to the directory so copies will be taken better care of. It would also discourage a person from taking multiple copies.
- Others posited that it will viewed as fundraising at a time when the unit has plenty of money.
- The matter was tabled until the next board meeting.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Larry Slutsky and seconded by Jenny to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019, at 11:15 a.m.

Next Unit Game: Sunday, June 23rd, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lillian Slater