



Long Beach Unit 557

Board Minutes March 21, 2017

1. Call to Order by Dalia Hernandez

Correction for the minutes of last meeting from Sharon Biederman, regarding the education programs the statement should read “currently there are about 100 class attendees”.

Minutes approved with this one change.

All members present except Renee Hoffman.

2. Treasurer’s Report: Betty Jackson

BOE filed for 1999

Bank is \$2.25 short

Balance is \$12,905.70

Fees \$470, expenses \$420-Profit \$96.53.

Will clarify and needs e-mail list.

Book donations received \$13.00 in March

Checks for Unit game to be written in advance of game

3. Hospitality Report:

Renee Hoffman is ill, Carolyn Byrnes will send a plant and get well card signed by players.

There have been many comments received from players about how pleased they are to receive get well cards, etc. from Renee.

4. Sectional/Unit Game:

Dalia announced that Cliff Goodrich would be director for next unit game.

Carolyn Byrnes will bring refreshments. Sharon & Dalia to be trained on Bridge Mates.

5. I/N Coordinator: Sharon Biederman had no announcements

6. Old Business:

Unit directory requires that each member make a positive affirmation in order to be included. Sharon will get permissions from students, new and current. Kevin to get member list for the unit. The unit will work on affirmations.

7. New Business:

Regional Tournament-Sean Lui, Dalia Hernandez, Larry Slutsky and Kevin Lane visited the Hawaiian Gardens Casino to consider it as location. There was a meeting of 8 people, and a follow up meeting has been proposed and 3 dates offered to the people at

Hawaiian Gardens. They are very confident that the negotiations will go well. In the event Dalia cannot attend she has made arrangements for Rosalie Storc will attend in her stead.

8. Education: Sharon Biederman

Approximately 100 students currently enrolled.

Next Bridge in a Day is April 8, 2017.

Invitations have been placed at local libraries and in newspapers.

In the week between end of current semester and start of new one 4/10 there will be bonus classes on Monday morning and Thursday evening.

Pro Am game is April 5, please sign up and encourage your fellow players to do the same. It starts at 9:30 and will be free. Instructors please invite all your students.

Monday and Wednesday afternoons Beginner games are hosted in the back room.

Tuesday morning is Supervised play with Rob Preece, please encourage your beginners to attend all 3 of these activities.

There is also Supervised play on Thursday mornings.

9. Awards: Fern Dunbar

Annual award will be awarded 4/23 at the unit game, the plaques are currently at the shop.

10. Regional Business: Kevin Lane and Alan Olschwang

Grand National Teams will be held same weekend as Unit game; 22th and 23th.

NLM Tournament rescheduled for September.

11. Communication: Dalia Hernandez

Will double check on announcements for games.

Rosalie has new roster in draft, needs to be completed for board.

Website: Dalia has received passwords to access and publish.

Comments and feedback needed from board members, current data is old

Perhaps Welcome page can be updated and new photos added.

Re-vamping pages, to be determined.

12. Medical Procedures & Health issues: Rosalie Storc

Perhaps institute guidelines, such as removing all players from area in which incident is taking place?

Further discussion needed with Director.

Roaches have been found in bathroom. Intervention needs to take place.

13. New Business: Kevin Lane

“Longest Day” 6/21/17 ACBL Alzheimer’s charity games

Suggestion to solicit donations, “adopting” a playing card for \$5 each.

Articles in local papers and ads in Nextdoor can also help recruit new players.

14. Increasing number of players:

Leisure World: Larry Slutsky

Tuesday night game at club having been discontinued for lack of attendance is unfortunate, as it is “Ignoring a market” of people who can only play at night.

It was pointed out that there are still two night games; Wed. at 7pm and Fri. at 4:30

General comments in regards to increasing enthusiasm for games:

Perhaps split the NLM into >199 points and <200 points. This may make beginners feel more comfortable.

Sharon is also working on gathering information from students on which days would work best for them for additional games, particularly on the weekend.

15. Next Meeting: April 18, 2017

16. Adjournment: Dalia Hernandez motioned and all agreed.

Respectfully Submitted: Carolyn Byrnes