



Long Beach Unit 557

Board Minutes

May 17, 2016

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

Absentee Members: Kevin Lane, Betty Jackson, Janet Logan, Rosalie Storck and Renee Hoffman

All other board members were present.

The April minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

This month's balance is: \$\$12,421.08

Significant expenses were purchase of bridgemates for approximately \$3500 and a website payment of \$214.80.

Hospitality Report: Ralph Brunson will send get well and sympathy cards to Cybil Smith, Ron and Gene Yaffee and Nancy Lichter.

Sectional/Unit Game: Cliff Goodrich will be the director at the unit game. Subsequent to the meeting, Kevin Lane reported the boards are being prepared. Rob announced that the winners of the 499er section (or top 499er pair if there is no 499er section) will each be given a bottle of wine as a prize for our May unit game. If this is well received, he will ask for a motion to continue prize awards for 499ers in the future. Board members were reminded that they are responsible for preparation and cleanup before/after the unit game.

As Kevin Lane was not present, we have no update on the November sectional.

I/N Coordinator: Dalia reported that she will coordinate with Sharon Biederman and Melanie Smith regarding parties to help bring new students into the bridge playing world. The board also engaged in a discussion of other ways to bring new populations into the bridge world but no actions were defined.

Old Business: none

New Business: Rob reported that Janet Logan had proposed that the board not consider sharing the use of our new Bridgemate machines until we have had a successful unit game without creating undue extra work for the director or others. This recommendation was adopted by the board.

Rob also reported that the Leisure World Duplicate Bridge Club had expressed interest in possibly renting the unit's bridgemates. Based on Janet's recommendation, discussion of this (and any cost recovery associated with it) is deferred until we have a successful unit game using the bridgemates.

The board discussed the upcoming Regional Tournament to be held in Long Beach. With recent regional tournament losses, it is important that this tournament have a good turnout. Rob will post carpool signup sheets at Long Beach clubs (if given club permission) and also share bus information.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

NEXT MEETING: June 21, 2016

11:00 am

Respectfully Submitted:

Ralph Brunson, in the absence of Secretary Rosalie Storck