



Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
May 21, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:19 a.m. by Rosalie Storc, President.

Absentee Members: Jenny Ernest, Dalia Hernandez, Chuck Laine, Katharine Seibert

Minutes: Larry Slutsky made a motion to accept the April minutes as revised and emailed to board members on 5/20/19. The motion was second by Judy Cook and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian presented Treasurer Jenny Ernest's April financial report:

Beginning Checking Account (4/1/19)	\$16,298.94
Income (April Unit Game)	\$ 556.00
Income April Sectional	\$ 1,580.00
Income Charity Donations	\$ 40.75
Total Expenses	\$ 2,515.00
Ending Checking Account (4/30/19)	\$15,960.19*
Net Profit for April Unit Game	\$ 233.51**

*Includes \$214.32 that will be donated to the Women's Shelter at the end of the year

**The April unit game had 21 tables in the Open and nine tables in the 199'er section, our largest unit game in recent years.

The unit also keeps \$180 in petty cash for use at unit games and tournaments. Petty cash increased from \$180 to \$200 due to an unclaimed overage of \$20 from the April Sectional.

This month's Keith Hafen expense is for the unit's website. Keith received the bill and submitted it for payment. This billing address needs to be changed.

Lillian clarified a discussion from last month's meeting. The unit does pay \$10 per set of boards created for the unit game. Generally, it is paid to the club via the invoice that pays the rent but it may be paid directly to the volunteer who makes the boards.

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

Old Business: Larry presented the Certificate of Appreciation to Betty Jackson during a Leisure World game:

- Rosalie showed the board a copy of the certificate that Dalia created.
- Fern Dunbar was at Betty's table during the presentation. She said Larry's speech was great and Betty was touched by the acknowledgment.

Kudos and thanks to Fern for a very successful Awards unit game. Her ongoing efforts are much appreciated.

Positive comments were made about the Teacher Appreciation Week. Special thanks to Lillian and Ardie Laine for their efforts in organizing it and making the gifts. It was decided to make this a yearly event.

Bridge Brigade: Sharon Biederman updated the board on Bridge Brigade activities:

- The last session is this week.
- The Pro Am is scheduled for Monday, June 3rd, 9:30-11:30 a.m. All board members are asked to volunteer as pros for this event.
- The new class sessions will start on Monday, July 8th, after the holiday and after the Long Beach Regional.

Unit Game: The next unit game will be Sunday, May 25th, at 12:30 p.m.

- Sean Lui will be the director.
- The boards have already been 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.

ALACBU: Rosalie asked for further information about this organization. Renee and Sharon explained:

- It is the Association of LA County Bridge Units, i.e., District 23 with nine units (areas).
- Historically, ALACBU has met three times a year during its regional tournaments.
- Only the July Los Angeles/Long Beach Regional has been profitable, so currently only one tournament/meeting has been scheduled for this year.

- Renee and Sharon are our ALACBU representatives. Sharon was elected during the September 18, 2018, board meeting.
- Based on our membership, Unit 557 is entitled to three representatives.
- Rob nominated Lillian to become the unit's third representative. The motion was second by Alan Olschwang and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

- A second mailing was sent to candidates. The deadline has passed for responses.
- Four pairs have been teamed up with helpers to play in the Long Beach Regional.
- One other opportunity still existed, and it was offered to Rosalie and a partner.

New Business: Several members have enquired about updated/additional copies of the unit directory. Specifics regarding format and costs will have to be provided by Jenny at the next meeting. The issue was tabled until then.

Encouraging new players to attend the Long Beach Regional was discussed:

- Renee agreed to give her workshop again to explain the events, Swiss teams, and carpooling.
- Sharon will provide copies of the tournament schedule and other needed support.
- Lillian volunteered to make and post flyers about the workshop.
- After discussion, it was decided to offer a scholarship of \$7 (half of one session's card fees) to any student who plays in an event other than the Pro Am.
- Renee, Sharon, and Lillian met after the board meeting and established the date of the workshop: Tuesday, June 13th, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

[Waiving card fees at the December Unit game/potluck was discussed.

- It would be the unit's thank you to the membership.
- Due to logistical issues, fees will be waived for *all* players in the game regardless of their unit membership.
- This action will not be announced or advertised prior to the game.
- A motion was made by Alan to waive card fees at the December unit game/potluck. The motion was seconded by Rob and unanimously approved by the Board.
- To keep this as a surprise, the information between the brackets will be redacted on the posted minutes.]

Adjournment: A motion was made by Alan and seconded by Sharon to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 11:15 a.m.

Next Unit Game: Sunday, May 25, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lillian Slater