



Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
November 19, 2019

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

Absentee Members: Judy Cook, Bonnie Shok, Rita Vanlierop

Minutes: Dalia Hernandez made a motion to accept the October minutes. The motion was seconded Rosalie Storc and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jenny Ernest, treasurer, presented the October financial report:

Beginning Checking Account (10/1/19)	\$14,861.97
Income (October Unit Game)	\$ 354.00
Income (ACBL Member Reimbursement)	\$ 1,039.14
Total Expenses (Unit Game)	\$ 351.69
Ending Checking Account (10/31/19)	\$15,903.42*
Net Profit (Loss) for October Unit Game	\$ 4.56**

*Includes \$257.32 that will be donated to the Women's Shelter at the end of the year.

**The October unit game had 15 tables in the Open and seven tables in the 199'er section for a total of 88 players. Eight Free Plays were redeemed.

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

Jenny noted that the ACBL deposit represents 11% of the unit's membership fees. These monies are accrued quarterly but only dispersed when the amount reaches \$1,000 and/or at the end of the year.

November NLM Tournament: Jenny and Lillian Slater presented the results of the November 9-10 NLM tournament:

- Saturday Pairs had 21 tables in the morning and 18 in the afternoon. The 0-50 game was combined with the 51-500 group due to lack of turnout.
- Nine teams competed in the Swiss event on Sunday.
- Net Income (after free-play fill-ins) was \$2,200 and expenses were \$1,029.36.
- Net Profit for the unit was \$1,170.54.

For future tournaments, we need to continue to promote the 0-50 Pairs and develop the interest in and experience of beginning/intermediate Swiss teams.

Special thanks to all who provided extra support for this tournament:

- Christine Frumen for creating the flyer.
- Hank Dunbar and Rob Preece for presenting mini-lessons before each day's competition.
- Lillian, Jenny, Rosalie, Sandra, and Ardie for baking homemade goodies.
- Ardie, Jenny, Judy, Lillian, and Sandra for arriving early and staying late to set up/clean up.
- Judy for shopping and providing munchies and ice cream.
- Dalia, Fern Dunbar, Hank, and Rob for caddying on Sunday (and cleaning up while we were still playing).
- Dalia who helped us get started both days.

Special thanks also to Sean Lui who agreed to direct the tournament at the last minute.

Hospitality Report: Renee Hoffman sent three Get Well cards last month.

Unit Game/Holiday Potluck: The next unit game will be the December holiday party/potluck on Sunday, December 15th, at 12:30 p.m. Attendance may be lighter than usual since it conflicts with the Palm Springs Regional tournament:

- Sean Lui will be the director.
- The boards will be made.
- Renee and Jenny will assist the director as needed. Less support will be required since card fees are not being collected.
- Judy Cook will provide dessert.
- Chuck Laine will supervise the 199'er section.
- Judy will also purchase hams. Charlotte Roush has volunteered to cook a turkey. Judy will coordinate with Charlotte to determine if additional turkey breasts are needed.
- Players who do not bring a dish to the potluck will be asked to donate to the Women's Shelter.

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

- This is the last week of Bridge Brigade classes for this session. The new session of classes will begin on January 6th.
- A Pro-Am tournament will be held on Monday, November 25th.
- Supervised play with points awarded will be held, Monday-Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., during Intersession.

To encourage students to play, Bridge Brigade is giving two Free Plays to each student to use for Monday/Wednesday afternoon Newcomer games.

Board Elections: Rosalie will conduct the elections during the December 15th unit game:

- John Hagman has resigned.
- Lillian will post a roster of the proposed 2020 board.
- Larry Slutsky continues to recruit a replacement for a Leisure World representative. (NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting, Larry and Alan Olschwang recruited Judy Jones to fill this position.)

ALACBU: Sharon and Lillian attended its Board meeting on Saturday, November 16.

Some key points from the meeting were:

- Financially the district is in much better shape this year than it was last year. This is primarily due to the elimination of the hotel-based regional tournaments that were losing money.
- District 22 President Robert Shore plans to trademark the district regional held in Long Beach during the July 4th week. He also plans to make it part of a Grand Slam Cup (also trademarked) by including two other regionals.
- Mitch Dunitz is offering a \$100 stipend to anyone who would like to mentor a newer Swiss team at the Costa Mesa or Long Beach Regional. The mentor would kibbutz and provide feedback to the team.
- Kevin has proposed holding a NLM Regional at our club. Sharon enthusiastically agreed and we will support Kevin in this effort.
- Discussion continues on the value and cost of the District's monthly newsletter that is emailed to members. Board members should read it to assess its value.

Goodwill Ambassador: Rosalie wants to know if Sharon, our nominee, was chosen. Lillian will email Kevin to see if he's been notified about who won.

Eight Is Enough: This event will be held on the March 2020 Swiss teams Sunday.

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ACBL Teacher Training: Rob updated the board on ACBL's Best Practices training, a two-day workshop that replaced ACBL's Teacher Accreditation program:

- District officials, Robert Shore and Peter Benjamin, are enthusiastic about hosting it during the Long Beach Bridge Week tournament in July but a specific commitment is pending.
- If a room cannot be found, the training will be held at Long Beach Bridge the weekend before.
- Sharon indicated that Bridge Brigade would pay the additional \$25 per teacher for certification.
- Rob needs to determine if materials are included.

A motion was made by Rob to allocate \$1,700 to schedule a Best Practices workshop. The motion was seconded by Alan and unanimously approved by the board.

Disciplinary Procedures: Rosalie continued to discuss the new disciplinary procedures implemented by ACBL:

- Since our unit games and tournaments are held at Long Beach Bridge, the club can discipline players as needed.
- The issue of whether the unit needs a Disciplinary Committee/Recorder was tabled due to time constraints.

Directories: Jenny announced that the new directories with lime green covers will be available to be sold at the December potluck for \$1 each. After some discussion, it was decided to order 500 copies for an estimated cost of \$407.

- Thanks again to Jenny's husband Roger for formatting the directory.
- Due to time constraints, a motion was made via email by Lillian Slater to approve up to \$450 to print 500 copies of the 2020 directory. The motion was seconded by Dalia and unanimously approved by email vote.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Alan and seconded by Dalia to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 11:15 a.m.

Next Unit Game: Sunday, December 15, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lillian Slater