



Long Beach Unit 557

Board Minutes

September 20, 2016

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

All members were present except for Cliff Goodrich.

The secretary presented the minutes. Kevin Lane moved to accept the minutes, seconded by MariAnn Satin. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Betty Jackson reports:

Bank Balance - \$11,621.76

Petty Cash - 180.00

Total Assets - 11,801.76

The recent unit game had a loss of \$57.33. Possible cause for the loss may be that attendance was less than usual. Another reason may be that there was a date change. Rob states that we adhere to the usual scheduled date in the future. A change in the schedule usually reduces attendance. Rob mentions it is important that we increase revenue from our unit and annual sectional games.

Betty gave a brief history regarding revenue status of past month's games. She also reports that the ACBL provided \$4,500.00 that the unit can donate to our designated charity.

Kevin Lane submitted the forms required by the ACBL. A Long Beach Woman's Shelter representative will attend this Sunday's unit game.

Hospitality Report: Renee Hoffman sent several get well and condolence cards to members and member families.

Newer Players Report: Dalia Hernandez reports that all activity is status quo at this time. Monday and Wednesday games for new players will resume. Dalia requests a volunteer host or hostess for this Sunday's unit game. The duties are relatively simple. Kevin Lane states he may be available. She also mentions that volunteers are urgently needed for the various new player events. Volunteers can be any member from the LBBC.

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MariAnn asked if the LBBC is helping to finance these events. Kevin affirms that the club is helping financially towards advertising. Volunteers are not receiving any monetary rewards or free games.

Bridge for a Day is scheduled for October 2, 2016. Rob encourages the board to help circulate the flyers for this event.

Sectional/Unit Game: September 25, 2016 is the next unit game. MariAnn reports that Alan Flower will be the director. Janet Logan plans to serve pie for refreshments.

Fern Dunbar asked why there was a problem using the bridge mates at last month's game. Kevin asked if problems could be resolved if additional training be provided directors. Diane Sachs states that Leisure World directors are well versed in the use of the bridge mates.

Betty Jackson will not be able to attend the forthcoming sectional, but will prepare the pre-work that is required. Diane Sachs will assist in partnership duties at the sectional in Betty's absence. Diane suggested that clarification regarding various games be made on the sectional advertising flyer. Kevin explained the required bracket qualifications. As suggested, Dalia will make the necessary changes on the flyer. Rob mentions that fast pairs and compact knockout games will not be offered for this event. Dalia will also contact Brandon Shuemaker, LBBC Manager to validate that the strats and flights are correct. Once the flyer has been edited, she will present the flyer to board members via e-mail.

Rob and Kevin stressed the importance of marketing the sectional. The goal is to not have a financial deficit for this event. All board members are expected to advertise and support the sectional scheduled for November.

I/N Coordinator: See New Players section

Election: Rob suggests that the election of new board members be scheduled for December rather than in November. Betty suggests that all future elections be held in December. The board agrees. Rob also requested that he be informed by e-mail if any board member plans to retire.

ALACBU: Kevin has no report at this time. Alan Olschwang requested a discussion regarding the scheduled game times at regional tournaments. He states that the time between games are too long. This may be inconvenient for participants.

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Kevin states that the timing of games is often a topic for discussion.

Alan suggests that timing the games for 10:30 am and 3:30 pm could be more accommodating. Rob agrees with Alan and suggests a poll be provided tournament players regarding this issue. Rob will ask John Yinger if he could place a poll in his newsletter.

Rob mentioned that topics regarding “owning a bridge club” will be discussed at future meetings. Many bridge clubs are asking for suggestions and information. Unfortunately, many bridge clubs are closing their business.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

Adjournment: Rob called for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

NEXT MEETING: October 18, 2016

NEXT UNIT GAME: October 23. 2016

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosalie Storc, Secretary