



Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
March 15, 2022

Call to Order: Rosalie Storc, President, called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

Absentee Members: Judy Cook, Sandra Schlosser, Bonnie Shok

Minutes: Fern Dunbar made a motion to accept the October 26, 2021, minutes. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Roush and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jenny Ernest presented the January-February financial report:

Beginning Checking Account (1/1/2022)	\$13,644.08
Income (ACBL Membership)	1,340.18
Expenses (Awards: License plates, free plays)	(369.93)
Ending Checking Account (2/28/2022)	\$14,614.33*

*The unit also keeps \$200 in petty cash for use at unit games and tournaments, plus \$23 collected for charity.

The board suggested the charity balance be sent to the Women's Shelter as we are no longer stocking used books for sale.

Hospitality Report: Bonnie reported by email. Since the end of October, she sent eight cards: three Sympathy and five Get Well.

Club/Bridge Brigade Update: Sharon Biederman presented updates:

- Supervised Play On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday has been well attended.
- The club is offering a Stay and Play Discount to \$5 for anyone attending a class and staying to play after.
- The club redeemed about 35 Unit Free Plays since October. Jenny will handle the reimbursement. Now that unit games are being resumed, these Free Plays should only be redeemed at unit games.

Unit Game: The first unit game in two years will be Sunday, March 20th, at 12:30 p.m.:

- Alan Flower will be the director.
- With Sharon's support, Lillian Slater will make the boards.
- No snacks will be provided.
- Proof of vaccinations will be required.
- Masks are optional.
- There will be a 199'er section providing at least two tables attend.
- Judy Jones will advertise the unit game at Leisure World.
- Rosalie will present the slate of the 2022 board of directors and conduct its election by the membership.

2022 Board of Directors: Rosalie discussed the proposed slate for the 2022 Board of Directors:

- Judy Cook has resigned due to personal obligations taking more of her time.
- Sandra Schlosser resigned since she is spending half her time in Palm Desert.
- No one volunteered on the posted opportunity.
- Leo Dittmore and Melanie Smothers have been recruited to join the board.
- Linda Laventhal was suggested and recruited before the end of the meeting.
- Another member can be added if someone has a suggestion.
- The proposed slate will be posted prior to the unit game.

Leisure World: Judy provided a status update:

- Larry Slutsky has been elected the president of the club.
- They have games Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for \$5/game.
- They averaged 7+ tables/game in February.
- They are required to maintain a 50:50% ratio between Leisure World residents and guests.

ALACBU: Lillian presented a brief synopsis of the recent ALACBU Zoom meeting:

- David Lodge, our regional director, provided a status report. Attendance at tournaments has been approximately 50% of pre-pandemic levels. In general, the higher-level players have returned at 70%+ but newer/intermediate players are

significantly lower. To reduce costs (and therefore potential losses), ACBL plans to reduce staffing at tournaments.

- The Long Beach Bridge Week Regional is still on target to be held July 4-10. Dalia Hernandez is in charge of the ProAm event.
- District 23 has joined with Orange County's District 22 to sponsor a Royal STaC on March 21-March 27 2022—providing 25% each black, red, silver, and gold for club games. Long Beach Bridge is participating.
- ALACBU is an abbreviation for the Association of Los Angeles County Bridge Units, i.e., District 23 of ACBL.

NLM Sectional: Lillian reminded the board that the joint club/unit sectional was scheduled for Sunday, April 3rd. After discussion it was decided to cancel this sectional this year.

President's Remarks: Rosalie thanked the board for its support during her extended presidency. She does not plan to attend the April meeting.

- Her excellent baking and treats will be missed at board meetings.
- Citing a personal experience at a grandson's swim meet, Rosalie encouraged the board to reschedule the CPR class and continue it each year.
- She also reminded the board to maintain the defibrillator unit/battery.
- Of the \$6,000 raised by her fundraiser for safety improvements, approximately \$1,500 has been spent so the remainder is available.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Alan Olschwang and seconded by Charlotte to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Next Unit Games: Sunday, March 20, 2022, and Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lillian Slater