



Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
May 17, 2022

Call to Order: Lillian Slater, President, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Absentee Members: Bonnie Shok, Judy Jones, Fern Dunbar

Minutes: A motion was made by Alan Olschwang, seconded by Dalia Hernandez, and unanimously passed to approve the April 19, 2022, minutes.

Hospitality Report: Bonnie reported by email. She sent one sympathy card.

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

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| Beginning Checking Account (4/1/2022) | \$14,576.62 |
| Income (Unit Game proceeds) | 192.00 |
| Expenses: Stamps and Cards, Game Expenses | 549.87 |
| Women's Shelter Donation | |
| Ending Checking Account (4/30/2022) | \$14,218.75* |

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

Jenny noted:

- The April Unit game had 58 attendees, significantly lower than before the pandemic.
- Twenty-eight players redeemed Free Play cards that had been awarded to the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners.
- The result was a \$118 deficit for the game.

Unit Game:

- The May unit game will be Sunday, May 22nd, at 12:30 p.m.
- There will be a separate 199er game if there are enough players for two tables.
- Sean Lui will be the director.
- Jenny will assist Sean with check-in. Lillian will collect fees and register 199er players. Charlotte volunteered to greet and direct people to the proper area to register.
- Charlotte will provide cookies for refreshment.
- Lillian has made the boards. There is a \$10 stipend per set for making the boards. She is willing to teach anyone who would like to learn how to make the boards.
- Lillian has posted the flyer for the game and will email it to contacts at Agile and Costa Mesa. Judy Jones will announce it at Leisure World.
- All board members are expected to help with clean-up on the day of the unit game.

Leisure World: Judy sent an email update indicating that the Leisure World Unit still needs a director for its Friday game.

Club/Bridge Brigade Update: Sharon Biederman indicated:

- Chuck Laine is negotiating with the landlord and expects that the lease will be extended for another 11 months.
- Hank Dunbar and Rob Preece will continue to teach classes in the summer and fall.
- There was a review/discussion of the distinctions between Long Beach Unit 557, the Long Beach Bridge Club, and Bridge Brigade. Each has its separate income and budget.
- Bridge Brigade receives money from classes and supervised play. As a 501C3 organization, payments/donations to it are tax deductible.
- The Long Beach Bridge club is a nonprofit 501C7 organization, but donations to it are not deductible.
- Unit 557 operates to support its clubs and host sectional tournaments.
- Lillian reminded the board that Dalia is presenting a free workshop on Navigating Tournaments this Friday at 11 a.m. Hopefully, this will build interest in the district's July Long Beach Regional and the pursuit of Life Master status.

Old Business: An extra \$39 was approved and added the \$100 approved last week for new cards.

New Business: There was a discussion on ways to increase table counts.

- One suggestion being considered is having a hospitality person greet and assist new people when they come for games, insuring that the club/unit has their email/phone contact information.
- There is a possibility of turning one of the morning Supervised Plays into a NLM game.
- Sharon indicated Bridge Brigade is evaluating its contributions to Long Beach Bridge's income, i.e., paying the extra \$5 for Stay-and-Play people, paying "rent" for classes and supervised play, etc.

New Business: Alan agreed to review the bylaws and advise the board if changes need to be made given ACBL's changes to its disciplinary policies.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Alan, and seconded by Charlotte to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Next Unit Games: Sunday, May 22, 2022

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Linda Leventhal