



Unit Board Minutes  
August 23, 2022

**Call to Order:** President Lillian Slater called the meeting to order at 11:05.

**Members Present:** Sharon Biederman, Leo Dittimore, Fern Dunbar, Dalia Hernandez, Judith Jones, Linda Leventhal, Alan Olschwang, Lillian Slater, Melanie Smothers, Rita Vanlierop

**Members Absent:** Jennie Ernest, Charles Laine, Charlotte Roush

**Minutes:** Alan moved to approve the July Minutes and Rita seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** In Jennie's absence, Lillian gave the treasurer's report.

Our current balance is \$13,298.

- We lost \$108 at the last Unit Game
- There was a discussion on how to efficiently collect game fees.
- Fern suggested that having people pay at the table instead of the desk would lead to greater accountability.
- Lillian suggested that we have dollars available for change and start collecting fees at 12:25.
- Melanie and Fern volunteered for the collection committee.

- Melanie will make a grid to keep track of each table's collection.

**Hospitality Report:** Bonnie wrote 4 sympathy cards since the last meeting.

### **Club/Bridge Brigade Update**

Sharon reported that our lease expires in May.

Lillian reported on District 23 Issues:

- The Long Beach Bridge Center is a member of District 23, which covers Los Angeles County.
- District 23 is in debt.
- There is an ongoing discussion in the District leadership on whether to keep District 23 going or to declare bankruptcy.
- The District 23 Tournament at the Long Beach Hilton lost \$6,628.
- This is than some other tournaments, but still in debt.
- There is no model for how a district dissolves.
- Should this happen, the LBBC will join District 22 (Orange County).
- Alan asked if the ACBL assigns clubs to districts. Lillian said that it doesn't and that the ACBL has allowed clubs to join a new district after their district dissolves.
- Alan suggested that it would make sense to move to District 22 before District 23 falls apart.
- Lillian reported that District 22 is financially sound but did not sponsor any regionals last year.
- Before joining District 22, Lillian would like to see its budget

**Unit Game:** Sunday, September 25th, at 12:30

- Director: Sean Liu
- Boards: Lillian
- 199'er Check-in: Rita (?)
- Open Check-in: Judy, Fern, Melanie
- Refreshments: Judy
- Judy will announce the game at Leisure World
- Cleanup: ALL

**Leisure World Update:** Judy

- Table average in July was 5.9, down from 7.1.
- This is partially due to the necessity of limiting attendance to no more than one outsider for each Leisure World resident attending.

**New Business:** NLM Sectional Tournament: November 12 and 13

- Rob Preece was in attendance for this discussion and suggested the possibility of making this an open instead of a NLM.
- If we make it a non-championship sectional, we can significantly reduce expenses by using our own directors instead of hiring very expensive ACBL directors.
- It was suggested that Sean be the director for the Sectional and that Lillian talk to him about the sectional structure.

**Adjournment:** Alan moved that we adjourn and Rita seconded it at 11:45.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**Unit Game:** Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted:** Linda Leventhal