



Unit 557 Board Meeting
June 21, 2022

Call to Order: Lillian Slater, President, called the Meeting to order at 11:04

Members Present: Leo Dittmore, Fern Dunbar, Jennifer Ernest, Dalia Hernandez, Judith Jones, Charles Laine, Linda Leventhal, Alan Olschwang, Charlotte Roush, Lillian Slater, Rita Vanlierop

Members Absent: Sharon Biederman, Bonnie Shok, Melanie Smothers

Minutes: Alan moved to approve the minutes and Leo seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved.

Hospitality Report: Bonnie reported via email that 2 get-well cards were sent to Dalia after she had shoulder surgery. Dalia was in attendance at this meeting, so she is definitely improving.

Treasurer's Report:

- Jennie discussed the attendance and cost of the unit games.
- There have been 3 unit games at the clubhouse in 2022 and a total net loss from these games of \$353.
- Attendance is lower than it was before the pandemic.
- The Unit has been able to sustain the loss because it has reserve funds.
- The ending balance on May 31, 2022 was \$14,068.51

Long Beach Bridge/Bridge Brigade Update:

- There was a discussion on ways to increase attendance at the unit game.
- Dalia stated that we need to find ways to welcome people with open arms.
- Suggestions included finding partners for members ahead of the game so that members would feel comfortable coming.
- Judy said that an announcement of the Unit Game would be posted and publicized in Leisure World.
- There is a need for an accurate list of unit members so that they can be notified of unit activities.
- Dalia and Rita are going to investigate the capacities of Pianola to help us with an up-to-date membership list. They will compile that list using whatever software seems best.
- The Pro-Am was very successful. The overall winners were Leo Dittimore and John Hagmann.
- Bridge Brigade classes in July:
 - Bridge 1 by Hank Dunbar, beginning July 5 on Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30, \$40 for 9 weeks
 - Defense by Rob Preece, beginning July 11 on Mondays . 9:30-11:30. 9 weeks for \$40
 - Bridge 3 by Hank Dunbar, beginning July 11 on Mondays, 9:30-11:30, 9 weeks for \$40
- Leo has turned Hank's teaching material into a power point presentation.

Leisure World:

- May had an average of 8.15 tables.
- The bridge group must restrict the number of persons who don't live in Leisure World who can attend games. This limits the group's ability to grow.
- All directors are in place for their games.
- Alan Olschwang and Linda Nye had the first 70% game at Leisure World recently.

Unit Game: Sunday, June 26th.

- Director is Sean Lui.
- Boards were made by Lillian.
- Fern and Lillian will check people into the open game.
- Leo will check people into the 199er game.
- Charlotte will purchase cookies for refreshments.

New Business:

- Chuck reported that the club has a new lease which will extend for the next 11 months.
- For the long-term, the club is looking for a new home. It should be about 2,000 square feet and have 40 parking spaces allotted to the bridge club. It also needs to be in L.A. County.
- Bill McClean is a New Diamond Life Master. Congratulations, Bill!!!
- Our Unit has had 3 representatives on the Association of Los Angeles County Bridge Units (ALACBU). They are Sharon, Dalia, and Lillian. Because our membership has declined, we are now only entitled to 2 representatives. Dalia thought that it was important to have many voices on the ALACBU Board, even if they couldn't all vote. Lillian will be there because she is the secretary. Sharon and Dalia will be the official representatives.
- FYI: Unit 557 is one of 9 units that participate in the Los Angeles County ACBL District.
- There was a discussion of COVID protocols. COVID is still prevalent and easily transmitted. The club follows the L.A. County requirement which is to strongly recommend but not require people to wear masks.
- Alan made a report on his study of whether the by-laws need revision. It was his recommendation to leave them as they are currently established.

Alan made a motion to adjourn and Judy seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47.

