



Unit Board Minutes  
September 20, 2022

**Call to Order:** President Lillian Slater called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

**Members Present:** Sharon Biederman, Jenny Ernest, Dalia Hernandez, Judith Jones, Chuck Laine, Linda Leventhal, Alan Olschwang, Lillian Slater, Melanie Smothers

**Members Absent:** Leo Dittmore, Fern Dunbar, Charlotte Roush, Bonnie Shok, Rita Vanlierop

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Jenny gave the report:

- We lost \$18 on the August Unit game, the least we've lost so far this year.
- Our checking account balance on August 31, 2022, was \$13,523.76

**Club/Bridge Brigade Update:**

Classes are starting again in October. The flyer is posted at the club and included in Table Talk.

**NLM Sectional Tournament, November 12 and 13:** Given the limited return of our NLM players to the club, we decided that a NLM sectional would not be profitable.

- Rob Preece noticed non-championship sectionals being advertised in the Bridge Bulletin.
- After inquiries to ACBL, our tournament has been changed to an open non-championship sectional. Pairs will be like our Friday club games with an Open and NLM sections.
- Non-championship sectionals are restricted to 25 tables so reservations will be required on a first-come/first-served basis.
- As always, we will save money by using our own directors versus ACBL's.
- Silver master points will be 54% of what they would be in an NLM tournament.
- We will advertise that we need a given minimum of NLM tables or these players will be absorbed into the Open section.
- Melanie volunteered to receive the reservations by email.
- Dalia volunteered to be in charge of pairing people who need a partner, again by email.
- The discussion about refreshments was tabled until the next meeting.
- Lillian will work with Ardie Laine to finalize the flyer.

**ALACBU:** Lillian reported on District 23 issues:

- The Long Beach Bridge center is a member of District 23, which covers Los Angeles County.
- District 23 lost over \$13,000 on the July Regional at the Long Beach Hilton. Until this year, this tournament was profitable.
- District 23 was able to pay back its member who had charged tournament expenses to a personal credit card.
- We are not contributing extra money to District 23 until it has a plan for financial solvency.
- District 23 has a \$45,000 contractual commitment to the Long Beach Hilton for next three years' tournament.
- Should District 23 negate the contract by not following through on the commitment, Hilton would not be willing to work with us to reschedule future tournaments.
- Regional tournaments are needed because they offer gold and red points required to achieve Life Master.

- Dalia suggested investigating whether gold points could be offered at tournaments sponsored at clubs.
- Melanie suggested a subcommittee be formed to find a creative approach to dealing with gold games.
- Lillian, Dalia, and Sharon volunteered to form a committee investigating the possibility of sponsoring gold tournaments.

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

It was decided to try paying via envelopes at the tables again, providing more change in advance.

- Director: Sean Liu
- Boards: Lillian
- Money Collection: Lillian, Melanie
- Refreshments: Linda
- Change: Judy will circulate with change prior to the start of play. Jenny will provide lots of \$1 and \$5 bills.
- Cleanup: ALL

**Leisure World Update:** Judy reported the following:

- Table average in August was 7.5 for the seventeen days the club was open, up from 5.9 in July.
- Unfortunately, 8 members of the Leisure World club got COVID at the same time.
- This resulted in a closure of the club for a week.
- Members are advised to cover their mouths when coughing, and better yet, wear a mask.

**New Business:**

Dalia commended Rita for the excellent job she is doing taking care of our computers.

**Adjournment:** Alan moved and Sharon seconded adjournment of the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

**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

