



**Unit 557 Board Meeting
December 6, 2022**

Call to Order: Lillian called the meeting to order at 11:04

Members Present: Sharon Biederman, Leo Dittemore, Fern Dunbar, Jenny Ernest, Dalia Hernandez, Judy Jones, Chuck Laine, Linda Leventhal, Alan Olschwang, Lillian Slater, Rita Vanlierop

Approval of Minutes: Alan made a motion that Judy seconded to approve the October 18th minutes. The board approved the motion unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Jenny reported that:

- The unit's bank account balance as of 11/30/2022 was \$14,273.87.
- The November sectional budget was distributed, showing a net profit of \$795.45 using estimated sanction fees. Additionally, the unit paid Long Beach Bridge more this year to compensate for its loss of Open games' revenue on Saturday and Sunday.
- The November unit game had a net loss of \$153. Attendance was low due to the Thanksgiving weekend. In the future, it is not wise to have the monthly sectional on that weekend.
- There was a discussion of how to increase attendance at unit games with specific concerns about attracting NLM members and making them comfortable.
- Another objective is to get members to move from supervised play to the NLM games.

- Dalia and Leo are looking into ways of increasing attendance by attracting newer members to our games.
- Rob Preece and Fern have repeatedly encouraged their supervised play students to play in the NLM game but they haven't done so.
- Nancy Imbery and Joey DuRee took the initiative in getting the Friday afternoon NLM game going. What were the specific things Nancy and Joey did that made it successful?
- Rita would like to add new players to a NLM list she started earlier. Contact her if you would like to be on the list.

Bridge Brigade:

- New classes are beginning again in January.
- Hank's Bridge 1 class begins on Tuesday, January 3rd from 9:30 to 11:30.
- Hank's Bridge 2 class begins on Monday, January 9th from 9:30 to 11:30.
- Supervised Play is offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30.

Leisure World Report:

- Covid was a factor limiting the days played.
- There were 17 days of play in October with an average of 6.4 tables.
- There were 13 days of play in November averaging 7.6 tables.
- Leisure World's holiday game is on December 9th.

December 18th Unit Game/Holiday Party

- Director: Alan Flower
- Boards: Lillian
- Food: Fern is the event coordinator and will purchase two hams.
- Members attending are requested to bring either a side dish or dessert
- Members without food contributions can make a donation to the Women's Shelter.
- Board members should plan to arrive by 11:30 to help set up.

ALACBU Update

- District 23 and District 22 discussed a merger. District 22 is not interested in assuming District 23's liabilities and zero bank balance.
- As a way of staying out of debt, the district is proposing raising session fees for Bridge Week to \$20 instead of the current \$15.

- National session fees are \$20, so \$20 for a regional tournament seems excessive.
- Attendance at tournaments is on the upturn based on recent events.
- The largest cost is food. It could be reduced.
- Sanction fees are going to increase.

New Business:

- 2023 Board: Lillian will talk with several people who were suggested as possible new board members.
- Bridge Goodwill Award: This is an award that is given to one person out of the many nominations in the ACBL. We nominated Sharon Biederman for several years, but she did not win. Because this is a time-consuming process and our nominee is not likely to win, it doesn't appear to be worth the time going through the process.

Upcoming Events:

- The next Board meeting will be January 17th at 11:00.
- The Unit Game will be on January 22nd at 12:30

Adjournment: Alan moved and Rita seconded adjournment at 11:43.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Leventhal