



**Unit 557 Board Meeting
April 18, 2023**

Call to Order: Lillian called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Members Present: Sharon Biederman, Leo Dittmore, Joey DuRee, Fern Dunbar, Jenny Ernest, Dalia Hernandez, Nancy Imbery, Chuck Laine, Linda Leventhal, Alan Olschwang, Ann Peacock, Lillian Slater, Melanie Smothers, Rita Vanlierop

Minutes: Alan made a motion to approve the March minutes and Ann seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jenny reported:

- An ending March balance of \$13,834.64 in the unit 's checking account.
- Two major expenses were \$168 for engraving the award plaques and \$203.83 to ACBL for our November Sectional's sanction fees.
- The March Unit game lost \$113.18, which was expected due to the redemption of Free Plays awarded to Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners.
- The good news is that attendance has increased.

Long Beach Bridge/Bridge Brigade Update

- Chuck reported that the club has signed a 5-year lease. He also reviewed three months of data, which showed a positive trend.
- A Royal STAC will be held on May 1-7 where points awarded at the club are 25% each black, red, silver, and gold.
- There was a discussion on ways to increase our table count.
- Unneeded items left at the club will be listed on Long Beach Free Stuff on Facebook.
- Classes are going well. Twenty people attended Rob's class on the new convention card. Bridge 1 and Bridge 2 classes will start on June 1 and June 5 respectively.

Leisure World Update: Judy reported:

- There were 18 days of play, averaging 6.3 tables.
- Due to health issues, Larry Slutsky resigned as president, replaced by Fred Reker.
- Hospitality Chair Nancy will send Larry a card.
- There is sad news that Gene Yaffee has died.
- Leisure World members are encouraged to attend the Long Beach Unit game.

April 23rd Unit Game

- Director: Sean Lui
- Boards: Lillian
- Cookies: Linda
- Money: Judy will circulate with change before the game. Jenny will collect the card fees.

New Business

- We are encouraging our local directors to take a course necessary to qualify them to direct sectional tournaments.
- Leo proposed and Sharon seconded a motion for the Board to provide a \$100 stipend plus cost for our current directors to take this online course. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Prior to the pandemic, we had a one-day sectional tournament in April. We are looking into reestablishing this tournament next year.
- Chuck encouraged other members to get training to become directors for regular club games.
- Jenny is investigating the best place to purchase the candy we are donating to the July Regional.
- Lillian reported that ACBL has a General Liability policy that covers its sanctioned events.

Adjournment: Alan moved and Joey seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:27.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2023, at 11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Leventhal, Secretary