



Unit 557 Board Meeting
November 14, 2023

Members Present: Attendees were not recorded. Lillian Slater was both conducting the meeting and serving as Secretary in Linda Leventhal's absence due to a vacation.

Call to Order: Lillian called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Alan Olschwang made a motion to approve the October minutes. The motion was seconded by Chuck Laine and unanimously approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report: Jenny Ernest reported:

- The October Unit Game had seven tables in the Open and four tables in the NLM section, making a profit of \$69.15.
- October's bank account balance was \$12,930.14.

The November 4-5 Local Sectional was very successful:

- Saturday morning Pairs had 17 tables in the Open and seven in the NLM. Afternoon Pairs were 16 tables in the Open and four in the NLM.
- Sunday Swiss teams had 21 teams competing.
- The sectional had a net profit of \$2,065.61!
- As a Local Sectional, the unit was required to pay extra fees to ACBL for a supervising director as well as sanction fees for a total of \$496.16.
- With such a large turnout, Sean Lui's director fees were increased to \$750 for the two days.

Hospitality Report: Nancy Imbery sent cards to Libby Tigner and Jo Melis.

Long Beach Bridge Center: Chuck reported:

- Mary Josephine Guzzetta, John Kilmer's mother, made a \$100 donation to the club.
- Most of December will have Upgraded Club Championships, using three sanctions from the unit and the rest from ACBL. Long Beach Bridge Center is covering the extra cost, usually \$1, for the sanction fees for these games.

Leisure World Report: Judy Jones provided her report via email:

- They had 13 days of play with a total of 77 tables, averaging 5.92 tables. This compares to the September average of 6.04 tables.
- Fred Reker is president, again. His contact information is fredreker326@gmail.com, 615-898-0669.

Local Sectional Post Mortem

- So many board members contributed to the success of this sectional—baking treats (and not submitting receipts for the ingredients), picking up doughnuts and the bagels with cream cheese, setting up/cleaning up for the events, collecting and tabulating the money, etc. THANKS to all!
- Special thanks to Hank Dunbar and Rob Preece who conducted mini-lessons prior to each day's events.

In reviewing the operation, it was decided that, for the next Local Sectional:

- Review the card fees charged per game, not for the extra money but to eliminate the need to make change. (Check the fees charged by other sectionals in our area.).
- Provide envelopes at the tables to collect/verify money received, instead of using the club's envelopes.
- Check with Sean regarding stratifications BEFORE the flyer is distributed.
- Provide a caddy for the team game.
- Order six dozen (not seven) bagels/doughnuts for an event this size.
- Order more entry forms.

After discussion, it was decided there was little interest in a spring NLM sectional hosted by our unit.

November 19th Unit Game

- Director: Sean Lui
- Boards: Lillian
- Change: Judy
- Cleanup: ALL

December 17th Unit Game/Holiday Party

- Fern is organizing the event, planning for hams and a turkey if she can find someone to cook it.
- The potluck luncheon will start at 11:45 a.m. with the game at 12:30 p.m.
- The 2024 Unit Board is also elected at this game. Lillian posted a sign-up sheet for anyone who might want to volunteer and join the board.
- Lillian will ask Ardie Laine to create a flyer for distribution.

Adjournment: Alan made a motion to adjourn at 11:47 a.m., which Rita Vanlierop seconded. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lillian Slater, President