



Unit 557 Board Meeting
April 15, 2025

Members Present: Cherene Birkholz, Leo Dittmore, Fern Dunbar, Joey DuRee, Jenny Ernest, Nancy Imbery, Chuck Laine, Lillian Slater, Casey Stiers, Rita Vanlierop, Melinda Wilson

President Leo called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Minutes: The March minutes were approved and will be published on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Jenny reported:

- The March unit game had 15.5 tables but, with 20 Free Plays from unit awards, it incurred a loss of \$29.31.
- The checking account balance on March 31, 2025 was \$20,260.49.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Square credit card processing unit has been received, and its setup with the bank is complete. It will be tested at the May NLM sectional. Five people are authorized to interface with Square: Chuck, Leo, Jenny, Rita, and Lillian.
- Leo's Table Talk addressed how to provide a player should provide his/her emergency contact information. Periodic announcements will be made to remind players to implement it.
- The AED's new battery has been installed. Training on it and CPR is scheduled for April 25th. Directors are encouraged but not required to attend the training.

NEW BUSINESS

Joey reviewed the calendar and its notes regarding Glitter days and extra card fees.

- The district has scheduled two Royal STaC's for this year.
- The unit will sponsor at least two STAC's, with card fees collected by the club and the unit rebate given to the Long Beach Bridge Center.
- GO (Go Local) events are sponsored by ACBL but no additional card fees are charged.

Unit Game: April 27th

- Director: Sean Lui
- Boards: Lillian
- Food: Cookies and fruit will be purchased by Melinda. Ice cream will be purchased by Joey.

Tournaments: Tournament Chair Lillian reported:

- Planning for the NLM sectional is complete.
- Sean Lui will be the director.
- Lillian will purchase morning and afternoon snacks. She will need help in staging the snacks.

The unit is coordinating an April Pro/Am on Monday, April 28th, at 9:30:

- Lillian will purchase morning snacks that will be paid for from the card fees that are collected.
- Volunteers are requested to help setup snacks and tables.
- Rob Preece will direct with game setup/posting by Alan Flower.

Hospitality Report: Nancy reported that she sent the following cards:

- A Get Well to John Bakovic after his surgery.
- A Thinking-of-You note to Al Lum 's wife for her cancer battle.
- A Missing You note to Lois Mullin who has not returned since her 2023 accident.
- A Get Well to Mary McIntyre as she recovers from her heart valve replacement.

Jenny sends Welcome Letters to new members on the monthly ACBL In-and-Out Report. She includes Free Plays, one for the club and one for the unit.

Long Beach Bridge Center Update: Chuck noted:

- A Thank You was due Casey for fixing a door latch on one of the women's restroom stalls. He used his 3D printer to fashion the part.
- The calendar is filled with special events and extra points due to the diligence of Joey. Kudos to her!

- Our teachers and their classes are a significant source of income, over \$10,000 per date.

Adjournment: Chuck made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Cherene and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

The next meeting will be on May 20, at 11 a.m.

Respectfully reported by Lillian Slater, Secretary