



Unit 557 Board Meeting
July 15, 2025

Members Present: Glenn Barry, Cherene Birkholz, Leo Dittimore, Fern Dunbar, Alan Olschwang, Lillian Slater, Melanie Smothers, Casey Stiers, Rita Vanlierop, Melinda Wilson

President Leo called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

Minutes: A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Melinda, and unanimously passed to approve the June minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian presented Jenny's reports:

- The June unit game had 13.5 tables—10.5 in the Open and 3 in the NLM section. With 4 Free Plays, 9 comps for unit board members but no Fill-in's, the game had a net profit of \$9.84.
- The checking account balance on 6/30//2025 was \$20,513.71.

OLD BUSINESS

- Leo clarified that the new Emerald awards are offered for games on platforms such as Bridge War, i.e., bridge without bidding. One of Hank Dunbar's students is using this resource.
- The unit has established Zelle access as an optional payment method.
- Nancy Imbery has requested a sabbatical from her Hospitality duties. Melinda volunteered to assume them.

NEW BUSINESS

Unit Game: July 27th

- Director: Sean Lui
- Boards: Lillian
- Food will be purchased by Melinda.

Tournaments:

- The flyer for the unit's November Sectional has been submitted to ACBL for approval/posting.
- No definite financial report has been received on the Long Beach Regional. As of the Saturday meeting that week, table counts were greater than last year and the room reservation number had been met, both positive metrics.

LONG BEACH BRIDGE CLUB

- Melanie Smothers found some material and obtained a preliminary quote from an upholsterer for \$35/chair. A new chair would cost \$50-\$60 so this is not cost effective.
- Kudos to Fern and Hank who held classes and the Tuesday 199'er game during the Long Beach Regional.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 16, at 11 a.m.

Respectfully reported by Lillian Slater, Secretary