



Unit 557 Board Meeting
August 19, 2025

Members Present: Glenn Barry, Cherene Birkholz, Leo Dittimore, Fern Dunbar, Jenny Ernest, Chuck Laine, Mary McIntyre, Alan Olschwang, Lillian Slater, Casey Stiers, Rita Vanlierop, Melinda Wilson

President Leo called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Minutes: A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Alan, and unanimously passed to approve the July minutes with a corrected date of the upcoming August meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jenny reported:

- The July 27th unit game had 11 tables—8 in the Open and 3 in the NLM section. With 4 Free Plays, 6 comps for unit board members but no Fill-in's, the game had a net loss of \$35.85.
- The checking account balance on 7/31/2025 was \$20,627.76.

OLD BUSINESS

- The unit and club can now accept credit card payments via Square. Payments, less the 3% service fee, are deposited in the unit's checking account and then transferred to the club by Jenny. She will start doing this once a month as part of her monthly financial reporting.
- Rita noted that we have a second Square device. It is planned to set it up for the club, thereby avoiding the need to transfer funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Halloween occurs on Friday, October 31st this year. Nancy Toussaint will again be directing and would like to have a Halloween party. Chuck agreed to do so.

- After discussion, a motion was made by Lillian to give Nancy \$50 toward the party for costume prizes and/or additional refreshments. The motion was seconded by Cherene and unanimously approved by the board.

Fern announced that, given Kim Wang's ongoing contributions to the club, the unit gave her a license plate holder for attaining Diamond Life Master. This achievement was celebrated at the club when Kiyo Nagaishi brought a cake to share.

Unit Game: August 24th

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

Tournaments

Linda Leventhal printed 100 copies of the flyers for our November tournament, donating the paper and toner to do so.

We need to start actively publicizing this event starting mid-September through October and early November.

- Rita can now send emails to a larger audience using Marjorie Michelin's Bridgewebs database.
- Lillian suggested we use this same database to publicize our unit games like we used to do with Pianola.

Hospitality Report: Melinda sent 8 cards last month including ones to Karen McKittrick for her hip replacement, George Alemshah, Nancy Imbery, condolences to Carol Lopresti on the death of her husband, Dee for his ongoing back problems, and Joey DuRee for her knee replacement.

LONG BEACH BRIDGE CLUB

Carolyn Byrnes hosted the second In Memoriam bridge game on Wednesday, August 6th.

After discussion regarding volunteers' contributions, it was decided to celebrate Volunteer Day on Valentine's Day since the club loves its volunteers.

Leisure World Report: Glenn reported that its Monday and Friday games are averaging 7-9 tables. Joey will meet with Glenn to show him how their club can use some of the special games offered by ACBL and often initiated via "Hacks" when posting the results.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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

Respectfully reported by Lillian Slater, Secretary