



Unit 557 Board Meeting
May 20, 2025

Members Present: Leo Dittemore, Fern Dunbar, Joey DuRee, Nancy Imbery, Chuck Laine, Alan Olschwang, Lillian Slater, Melanie Smothers, Casey Stiers, Melinda Wilson

President Leo called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Minutes: The April minutes were not yet published for review/approval.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian delivered the report Jenny provided:

- The April unit game was smaller with 8 tables in the Open and 3 in the NLM. With four Free Plays, 10 board member comps, and one fill-in, the game lost \$90.85.
- The checking account balance on 4/30/2025 was \$19,686.37.
- \$677.30 of expenses was the purchase of Bridge Buddy cards for the dealing machine. Actually a club expense, Long Beach Bridge will be reimbursing the unit.
- Lillian suggested that the unit contribute \$200 towards this card expense since the unit uses the club's dealing machines for unit games and tournaments. After discussion, a motion to do so was made by Melinda, seconded by Alan, and approved by the board.
- It was suggested that Lillian ask Leisure World to contribute \$100 toward this expense given their use of club resources to make their boards. Lillian will do so.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Square credit card processing unit was received and tested at the 5/17/2025 NLM Sectional.
- The AED is operational, and seven people completed the CPR training.

NEW BUSINESS

Leo questioned if anything needs to be done to support the Long Beach Regional the first week of July.

- Lillian stated that no donations for named events were solicited this year.
- Flyers have not been received yet (but are available online).

Unit Game: May 25th

- Director: Sean Lui
- Boards: Lillian
- Food: Lillian will bake another batch of brownies with the mixes remaining from the NLM tournament.
- Cookies and ice cream will be purchased by Melinda

Tournaments: Tournament Chair Lillian reported:

- The financial reports prepared by Jenny for the May 17th NLM sectional.
- There were 12.5 tables in the morning and 10.5 in the afternoon. The two-session discount contributed to a larger afternoon game.
- Profit will be between \$170-\$290 depending on the final sanction fee billing from ACBL.

Planning for the November sectional is under way.

- Casey is handling the reservations.
- Lillian is working with Ardie Laine to develop the flyer.
- A partnership contact is needed.

Hospitality Report: Nancy reported that she sent seven cards this month:

- A Get Well to Pat Donley who was hospitalized.
- A Thinking-of-You note to Paul Pettler.
- A Get Well to Darlene Harrison who was hospitalized after a serious car accident.
- Three cards to Joyce Roberts whose health keeps deteriorating.
- A card to Dee Brown who is suffering from back pain.

Long Beach Bridge Center Update: Chuck reported:

- Per the *Bridge Bulletin*, Long Beach was 14th in the country in table counts in 2024. Kudos to Chuck and his team for this accomplishment.
- The club will close the week of the Long Beach Regional. Five tables are needed to break even for a game, but that benchmark was not met last year.
- Chuck is planning a special game the Sunday before the regional begins.
- John Kilmer is redoing the table tops in the club.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17, at 11 a.m.

Respectfully reported by Lillian Slater, Secretary