



Unit 557 Board Meeting
September 16, 2025

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

President Leo called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jenny reported:

- The August unit game had 48 players with a loss of \$17.
- The checking account balance on 8/31/2025 was \$20,586.01.

OLD BUSINESS

Nancy Toussaint was notified that the unit is providing a \$50 stipend towards the Halloween party.

NEW BUSINESS

After discussion, the date of the unit game—and therefore the team game—was changed due to its conflict with the NAP district finals in Pasadena:

- The team game will be held on Sunday, October 12th.
- The unit game is now scheduled for Sunday, October 19. Alan confirmed Sean's availability to direct on this new date.
- Lillian will make the boards and Melinda will purchase the food for the Oct 19th unit game.

Carolyn Byrnes resigned from providing Unit 557 input to the district newsletter. Leo and/or Lillian will periodically submit input for the unit.

Unit Game: September 28th

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

Tournaments

The following action items resulted from the discussions about the November 15-16 tournament:

- To publicize the tournament, Lillian will submit the flyer to the district newsletter and to Orange County's newsletter to publicize.
- Casey's email confirmations should remind players that this is a cashless tournament.
- Rita will determine if the November 15 and 16 dates can be removed from the Bridge Finesse's online reservations for the club.
- Table Talk will emphasize that the LongBeachSectional@gmail.com is the only way to sign up for the tournament.

Hospitality

Melinda will send the following cards:

- A Get-Well card for John Hagman's spouse
- A sympathy card and plant from the unit for Jerry Glenn's death
- A Get-Well card to Tim Cole.
- A Thank-You card to Linda Leventhal for printing our tournament flyers.

Long Beach Bridge Center

Next Monday's morning's game is a potluck. Additionally, it is now billed as a memorial game for Jerry Glenn. Fern has contacted his wife and plans to play with her.

Chuck plans to have a catered lunch one day of each Club Appreciation week. Joey will coordinate the dates with April Berg and notify Rita so players can be notified in advance. These events will also appear on the calendar.

Leisure World Report: Glenn reported yesterday's game had 8 tables. Joey met with him and was very helpful about scheduling ACBL special games.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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

Respectfully reported by Lillian Slater, Secretary