

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
October 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM, by President Fred Strong. Present were Board members Bill Donovan, Pat Hallock, Bill Ringbom, Doris Dunn, Louise Abbott and Charles Davis. Absent were board members Gina Kirk and Bob Clark. Attending also was guest Gary Yant.

Open Meeting/Review Agenda. Fred Strong opened the meeting, reviewed the agenda items, and provided several handouts on ACBL rules and regulations both at the Unit and National levels. He also asked if there were any agenda item changes. There were none.

1. Minutes of September Meeting. The draft minutes from the September 13, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Financial Report. Pat Hallock reviewed the September Treasurer's Report, noting that the Unit had \$5032.43 in its checking account and \$3375.36 in its savings account, for a total balance of \$8407.79. She then handed out the revised June Treasurer's Report reflecting the Board's wish to change an entry of \$218.33 from income to a Capital Expense Reimbursement. Both reports were then approved.
3. Old Business
 - a. 2014 Sectional Report and Announcements. Doris Dunn briefed the Board on a number of issues regarding the upcoming Sectional Tournament in February 2014, including the fact that Nancy Boyd would bring her own Assistant Director as well as electronic scoring devices for our use, as she did last year. The Board held off discussion of the food for another meeting.
 - b. Use of the Unit Phone List. The board discussed a variety of different options and determined that the list would continue to contain all phone numbers of Unit 540 members as well as outsiders who play regularly at our clubs or who play when they live here part time. Those asking to be removed from the list would be accommodated.
 - c. Gina Kirk letter. Fred advised the Board that Gina Kirk wished to resign her position in January, but would work with the Board on its preparation for the Unit's Sectional Tournament the following month.
 - d. Scheduling the next Unit 540 Annual Meeting. Fred Strong advised he would like to schedule it on January 2, 2014. A brief discussion ensued regarding a conflict with the Monterey Regional Tournament and Fred advised he would determine if a change in dates was possible.
 - e. Appoint a Nominating Committee. Fred handed out a list of Board Members whose terms were expiring and discussed a replacement for the remainder of Gina Kirk's term. Fred also asked the Board members whose terms were expiring to let him know if they wished to seek re-

election, and asked for volunteers for a Nominating Committee should we need one. We will finalize the discussion at our next Board meeting.

- f. Change of District Committee Report---Fred advised the Board that Gary Yant would provide an oral report to the Board for the Committee's findings. A written report can be obtained from Fred if Board members so desire. Gary Yant began with a status report on the petition, advising that the organizers failed to follow ACBL regulations before circulating it. They then withdrew the petition and are in the process of making the changes ACBL requested. They should be ready to redistribute the petition in the next 30 days. Gary followed with a review of the Committee's recommendations/findings in response to the issues raised by the Board.
 - (1) Facts and Figures of Districts 21 and 22---Gary gave an overview of each, highlighting the differences in some policies and procedures as well as in size and geography.
 - (2) The possibility of creating a new District and hosting a Regional. Gary emphasized the enormity of this task and advised the Board that a separate committee should be established to determine the desirability of pursuing this if and only if the Unit wanted to go in this direction.
 - (3) The pros and cons of Unit 540 changing districts from 22 to 21. Gary mentioned several, including the possibility of our membership in District 21 qualifying them for an additional Regional Tournament. He also explained we would lose out on our existing relationships within District 22 and would have to send representatives to attend District 21 meetings. The committee recommended we take no further action as a Unit Board on this issue until and unless a petition to change actually is circulated. If it is, AND at least 50% of our members sign it, the Unit Board will be asked by the ACBL to offer an opinion on the move, as will the leadership of both District 21 and District 22. The ACBL will then make the final determination. The Board thanked Gary and the rest of the committee for their work.
4. New Business
 - a. Unit Game Preparations. Fred Strong addressed a letter of concern from Gina Kirk and the Board agreed that by no later than its Unit Board meeting it would be decided who would be responsible for opening the SLO Senior Center for the Unit game the next day.
 5. Club Activities
 - a. Arroyo Grande---Doris briefed the Board that the Women's Club building would be extensively remodeled immediately after the February Sectional and that they would need to find new quarters for the 5 Cities games for six to eight months.
 - b. Morro Bay---Louise briefed the Board on a charity opportunity; no position was taken on it.
 - c. Paso Robles---No report
 - d. SLO---Bill Ringbom briefed the Board on the upcoming Swiss Teams games in SLO: Monday, October 14 being a Pro-Am game and Friday, October 25 being a regular Swiss Teams game.

6. Next Meeting---Fred announced the next Board meeting would be on Friday, November 8, 2013 at 11:30 AM
7. Adjourn---Fred adjourned the meeting at 12:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary