

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
May 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM, by Fred Strong. Present were Board members Pat Hallock, Doris Dunn, Bud Zeuschner, Torre Houlgate-West, Bill Ringbom, Bob Karriker and Charles Davis. Absent was board member Bill Donovan. Former board members Gary Yant and Gina Kirk attended part of the meeting to address the board on ACBL's Longest Day event in June.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Fred Strong called the meeting to order and briefly reviewed the agenda.
2. Review and Approval of the April minutes. After a brief discussion the board approved the minutes from last month's meeting, with one adjustment: Torre Houlgate-West's commitment in teaching the One Day to Learn/EZ Bridge lessons is to bring at least 20 new ACBL members into the Unit in total in all three classes, not 20 in each class.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock reviewed the March Treasurer's report, noting that the Unit had \$7422.55 in its checking account and \$3375.87 in its savings account, for a total balance of \$10,798.42. .
 - a. Calendar Year 2013 Tax Preparation. Pat briefed the board that all necessary non-profit tax documents for the Unit had been prepared and submitted to the IRS. Fred asked that he be provided a copy to share with our bank, noting our non-profit status.
4. Old Business
 - A. ACBL's Longest Day Event. Bill Ringbom briefed the board that the SLO Senior Center was available to use on June 21, but not at the discount rate. Charges would be \$374, plus a \$75 deposit. The board approved this expenditure. Gina and Gary then made a presentation to the board, requesting an additional \$600 to fund the cost of putting on this event. Bridge Pro Eddie Kantar has agreed to attend and give a talk and lessons in support of the ACBL's Alzheimer's program, waiving all fees if we would cover his basic costs. Gina and Gary further advised we had received a \$1500 anonymous donation to cover our costs of putting on this event, with the stipulation that members be allowed to attend at no cost (table fees). Gary and Gina advised that the entire event, with four short and long games from 7 AM to 10 PM, could be done within this \$2100 budget, including providing refreshments and covering our table fees owed to the ACBL. The board approved their proposal; Gina will provide the necessary oversight to plan and implement this event. Fred Strong added that a Longest Day game would, in addition, be held in Paso Robles on June 21. Details for both events will be posted by Bill Ringbom on the Unit's web site.
 - B. Stipend Renewal for Directors and/or Teachers. Fred shared with the board applications received from Bill Woodson and Jim Parks. After a discussion about the program and our need for two additional directors the board voted to approve both candidates and asked Fred to notify the two of our decision.

and get their written agreement to our conditions for reimbursement of costs associated with taking and passing the examination. After a lengthy discussion the board agreed to amend its previous conditions as follows: (1) rather than approving a blanket \$400 to attend an out of town training session, the board agreed to fund up to \$400 to reimburse the candidates for authorized expenses. (2) If the candidates take the test locally the board further agreed that rather than reimbursing only the \$25 fee to take the test, it would reimburse for fees and materials. Fred will send the two successful candidates a letter spelling out these new requirements.

5. New Business

A. Board resignation and replacement. Fred advised he had received a written resignation from board member Bill Donovan, advising he would not be seeking re-election at the expiration of his term and requesting to be relieved of his position as soon as a replacement is selected. The board agreed to accept his request, and with thanks for his contributions. Fred Strong was authorized to approach former board member Bill Woodson and determine his willingness to fulfill the remainder of Bill's unexpired term.

B. Additional Action Items from board members. There were none.

6. Club Activity Reports. Arroyo Grande---Doris followed up on last month's discussion, advising she had contacted the ACBL and we would not need to identify a specific venue for the Sectional until December. Morro Bay---Bob Karriker advised the club would be hosting a Pro-Am game on May 20. SLO--- Nothing new. Paso Robles---Fred advised he would be getting additional details worked out on the Longest Day game as soon as possible.

7. Date/time of Next Meeting: Fred Strong announced the next meeting would be on June 13 at 11:30 AM. Bud announced that he would be out of town and miss the meeting as well as the following one in July.

8. Adjourn. Fred adjourned the meeting at 12:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary