

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Unit 540 Executive Board

October 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 AM, by President Fred Strong. Present were Board members, Bob Karriker, Louise Abbott, Bill Woodson, Bill Ringbom, Bud Zeuschner and Charles Davis. Absent were Board members Pat Hallock and Torre Houlgate-West; Leda Fields arrived at the meeting at 12:00 PM to discuss education issues.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Fred Strong handed out copies of the agenda to the board members and reviewed the issues with those present, including the fact that the board would be voting on several ACBL District 22 issues.
2. Review and Approval of the September minutes. Charles distributed copies to all board members, noting a modification supplied by Pat Hallock of her presentation to the board and a correction of one typographical error. After a brief discussion the revised minutes were approved as written.
3. Treasurer's Report. In Pat Hallock's absence this agenda item was deferred to November's meeting.
4. Old Business
 - A. Update on the status of the 2016 Sectional Tournament— Louise Abbott briefed the board on her efforts to finalize the February 2016 tournament with the ACBL, and confirmed that we are now on the tournament schedule and that Nancy Boyd will be our director. As stated in the last meeting, we are confirmed for the Elks Club in San Luis Obispo, the site we moved to last year.
 - B. Disciplinary Appeal Matters. Bud further updated the board on District 22's ruling on our recent disciplinary action. His appeal of their decision will be mailed to them by no later than the October 16 due date. The board affirmed their support of the appeal.
 - C. Report by the Nominating Committee for the 2016 Unit Election—Charles and Bill Ringbom reported on the contacts made to solicit interested candidates for the Unit Board, and confirmed that their search was ongoing, but would be concluded well before the January 2016 election. With Bill and Charles rotating off, there will be at least two vacancies. Bob and Fred advised they were still undecided about continuing on the board.
5. New Business

- A. District 22 By-Laws Amendment and Alternate Election—Fred Strong advised the board that he had been sent voting materials by the District for the two issues. Board members privately voted on each of the issues and submitted their sealed ballots to Fred for return to District 22.
 - B. Application for Marvin Segar for reimbursement for Director study and exam—Fred briefed the board on Marvin’s willingness to become a director and the board authorized him to contact Marvin with our approval and prepare the standard acceptance letter for Marvin’s signature.
 - C. Other—Compensation for 4 Hours of Room Rental at the Pismo Beach Vets Hall —Leda Fields briefed the board on Torre’s request for up to \$40 to cover the cost of the room rental for the South County beginners’ initial lesson on a Saturday. The request was approved. Education Seminar—Leda briefed the board on John Field’s proposal to prepare materials to further assist unit directors in handling the computer responsibilities of their position. With the understanding that the materials would belong to the Unit, \$100 was authorized to compensate John for the work involved. Fall Fling—Louise Abbott advised the board that Leda Fields, Pat Hallock and Barbara Weiss would all be organizing the event at the Unit game in November. The unit will compensate the group for reasonable expenses.
6. Club Activity Reports—SLO: Bill Ringbom reminded the board of the Club’s upcoming Swiss Teams game on October 23; Morro Bay—Bill Woodson discussed the club’s Wednesday morning’s (9-11 AM) supervised play; Paso Robles —Fred briefed the board on the club’s upcoming Christmas Party; Five Cities— No Report
7. Adjourn-Fred adjourned the meeting at 12:17 PM. The next meeting will be Friday, November 13, 2015, at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary