

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Unit 540 Executive Board  
September 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President David Gillette, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. All Board members were present except Jan Zinner.

1. Review and Approval of the August, 2018 minute. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. The segment under New Business relating to Judy Obermeier offering to make a referral of a commercial realtor to the Real Estate Committee was stricken. It was moved by Bill Ringbom, seconded by Jack Phirman that the minutes be approved as amended. There were no objections.
2. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier reported on income and expenses for the month of August.. The balance on hand as of 7/31/18 was \$9,503.70. After income of \$350.00 and expenses of \$202.67, the final August balance on hand was \$9,615.03. A scrivener's error was noted: that payment to Heidi for food was for the month of August, not April & May as initially shown. Moved by Mike Carroll to accept the report as corrected; motion approved without further discussion.
3. Old Business.
  - A. REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT – report was tabled due to the absence of Jan Zinner. The report will be made at the October, 2018 meeting.
  - B. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. The Women's Center in Arroyo Grande was selected as the site for the 2019 Sectional Tournament sponsored by Unit 540.
  - C. TABLED DISCUSSION OF COMMON GAME. After some discussion, including Mike Carroll relating an anecdote regarding his (and Judy Obermeier's) participation at a Common Game held at a club in North Carolina, and their surprise at seeing an additional 'award' of points for their standing in the entire field for that day, Bill Ringbom advised the Board that the extra 'points' awarded are not ACBL points, but "Common Game" points, and also raised the specter of the Game becoming a 'for charge' service after a trial period, the idea of adopting the Common Game was again tabled.
4. New Business.
  - A. YOUTH PROGRAM. After brief discussion of the need for instructional programs to expose more people to duplicate bridge, it was moved by Bill Ringbom and seconded by Jim Parks. That Jan Zinner be authorized to form a committee to look into setting up a program for young players (Jan had previously expressed a willingness to serve in this capacity).
  - B. OUTSIDE INSTRUCTORS. Discussion centered around attendance at lesson sessions offered by the individual clubs (faltering, but probably seasonal) to the desirability of contracting with out-of- instructors to offer intermediate and advanced level classes sponsored by the Unit. No further action was taken.
  - C. OTHER OUTSIDE TOPICS.
    1. David Gillett announced his intention to take further director training in order to be able to serve as an Assistant Director at tournaments.
    2. Jim Parks announced that District 22 is initiating an incentive program to increase membership at clubs in the district. Cash awards are planned for clubs meeting certain set criteria.
5. Club Reports. – none were forthcoming.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned to October 12, 2018, at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Karriker*

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary