

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
March 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM, by Board President Gina Kirk. Present were Board members George Sheffield, Bill Ringbom, Fred Strong, Louise Abbott, Bill Woodson, and Charles Davis. Absent were board members Pat Orlando and Pat Hallock.

Old Business:

1. Minutes of February meeting. Board members reviewed and approved the minutes from last month's meeting.
2. Preliminary financial report on the Sectional. Gina Kirk handed out a summary of the preliminary financial report showing 167 tables, our highest count since 2009, and a net profit of \$982, down slightly from last year due to the increased rent for the venue. The report also showed a geographic breakdown of the 201 attendees, showing 80% from SLO and SB counties.
3. Sectional tournament evaluation. Most of the rest of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of the tournament; many things ran well, but opportunities for improvement were discussed concerning the directors, managing the drinks and change cups and the stratifications used. Charles volunteered to prepare thank you letters for Gina's signature to all individuals and groups who donated door prizes. Fred Strong advised he would supply the information for all the wine donations. The Board resolved to continue the discussion in more detail at the next meeting, but concluded by and large the tournament was a success.

New Business

- 4a. Mini-McKinney and Ace of Club Award presentations. Gina asked George and Louise to assist in presenting them at the March unit game.
- 4b. Awards for Novice Players. A discussion was held regarding if such awards should be given and what the awards should be. The Board concluded that we should give the awards and that they should be coffee cups.
- 4c. Charles Davis made a short presentation on his efforts to come up with a consolidated Unit 540 email list, and requested he be given a copy of the Unit's ACBL membership list annually and the monthly I/O Report. He reported he should be able to come up with an improved list before the April unit game, and update it regularly thereafter.
- 4d. Gold points in our Clubs. Bill Woodson led a short discussion on the subject. We are in a participating district, but whether the points are awarded depends on whether we have a game on the ACBL-designated date.
- 4e. Mentor Program. Postponed discussion until the next meeting.
- 4f. Recognition for Gary at Unit Game. Approved by the Board.
- 4g. 2013 Tournament Date. Postponed decision until next meeting.

5. Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on April 13 at 11:30 AM.
6. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by Gina at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis
Unit 540 Secretary