

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
September 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM, by Vice President Bill Ringbom. Present were Board members Pat Hallock, Doris Dunn, Bill Woodson, Bill Ringbom, Bud Zeuschner, Torre Houlgate-West and Charles Davis. Board members Fred Strong and Bob Karriker joined the meeting five minutes later.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Bill Ringbom reviewed the agenda and asked that we begin by reviewing and approving the July minutes.
2. Review and Approval of the July minutes. After a brief discussion the board approved the minutes from the July meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock distributed three handouts to the board: the July Treasurer's report, the August Treasurer's report, and a final budget report on the June Longest Day events in Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo. The most current treasurer's report (August) showed that the Unit had \$6047.11 in its checking account and \$3376.12 in its savings account, for a total balance of \$9423.23. This report was approved by the Board. Pat then reviewed the final expenses and income from the Longest Day Events, noting that after taking into account the \$600 subsidy provided by the board that the event came in \$153.75 over budget. Bill Ringbom advised that we still needed to be reimbursed \$120 for our deposit to the SLO Senior Center, which would bring the event to within \$33.75 of budget. The board approved her report with that revision.
4. Old Business
 - A. Phone Vote Report on Special Game in North County. Fred has the board to revalidate its prior authorization of this Special Game on August 21, 2014 in Paso Robles. The board voted again its authorization.
 - B. Update on the 2015 Sectional. Doris Dunn reviewed the results of her search for a venue for our February 2015 Sectional tournament, including her recommendation for the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo. The board voted to authorize that location. Doris further asked board approval to negotiate food costs with the Elks Lodge, removing the requirement that Unit bridge clubs handle that issue. The board authorized her to negotiate with the Elks Lodge the cost to provide refreshments for the event.
 - C. Director school reimbursement for Bill Woodson. Bill now has completed his certification and will be reimbursed by the board \$400 for his costs upon submission of his receipts.
5. New Business
 - A. Balloting for District 22 President. Charles handed out all the election materials sent to the Unit by the ACBL and reviewed the voting requirements for the position. Each board member then took a few minutes to cast their ballots and returned their sealed envelopes to Fred Strong for submission to the ACBL by the October 3rd due date.
 - B. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Annual Elections. Five board positions will be up for election in January 2015: Pat Hallock, Bud

Zeuschner (vice: Bob Clark), Torre Houlgate-West (vice: Gina Kirk), Bill Woodson (vice: Bill Donovan), and Doris Dunn. Fred Strong asked for volunteer among those board members not up for election/re-election to form a Nominating Committee. Charles Davis, Bill Ringbom and Bob Karriker agreed to serve and were appointed by the board.

- C. Discussion/decision on material/supplies to be provided by the Unit. Fred Strong led an extensive discussion on whether the board should expand its funding for local clubs. That funding currently covers the costs associated with the purchase of playing cards and convention cards/score sheets. After discussion the board decided it would limit any potential reimbursement to only bridge supplies (which would include the bidding box cards Bill Woodson asked about at our last meeting). The board further agreed that should a club ask for such reimbursement it should provide to the board justification of why there is a hardship the club cannot resolve on its own, and additionally provide the board a three month listing of its expenses so we can better understand the club's balance sheet.
 - D. Discussion/decision on reimbursement for the teaching of novice classes. Fred Strong led a discussion on whether and how much we should reimburse instructors for these classes. The board strongly agreed that such activities to increase the numbers of bridge players in the Unit is a principal priority and authorized the payment of \$50/class to the two instructors for the six classes taught (for a total of \$300).
 - E. Discussion/decision on reimbursement for club awards. Fred Strong led a discussion on whether the board should cover the costs associated with recognizing Ace of Clubs award winners and Mini-McKinney award winners within Unit 540. It was agreed to do so at the cost of \$10/ cup.
- 6. Club Activity Reports. There being no time left on the agenda this item was deferred until next month's meeting.
 - 7. Date/time of Next Meeting: Fred Strong advised that our next meeting will be on October 10, 2014 at 11:30 AM.
 - 8. Adjourn. Fred adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary