

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
October 10, 2014

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

1. Call Meeting to Order. Fred Strong reviewed the agenda and advised the board that an agenda item regarding the Fall Fling should be added.
2. Review and Approval of the September minutes. After a brief discussion the board approved the minutes from the September meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock distributed her September Treasurer's report to the board. It shows that the Unit had \$5608.36 in its checking account and \$3376.38 in its savings account, for a total balance of \$8984.74. After a brief discussion the \$300 noted in September for "Teaching Expenses" was amended to "Educational Expenses" as better reflecting the charges to this account. Charles asked about the absence of a line in the income section regarding reimbursement to the Unit of our \$120 security deposit to the city for our Longest Day event. After a brief discussion Bill Ringbom advised he would pursue this with Gina Kirk, as we may have already been credited with it. Pat's report was thereupon approved by the Board. Pat further advised the board that she had determined no need for additional software to produce her report and was declining the board's offer to consider a laptop computer.
4. Old Business
 - A. Update on the 2015 Sectional Tournament. Doris Dunn advised the board that the Elks Lodge would provide coffee, tea and water to the tournament attendees as a part of its room fee, but had no interest in submitting a bid for food. She advised that she would like assistance in managing the Food Committee for the tournament and Bud Zeuschner agreed to work with her on that as Co-Chair.
 - B. Further Discussion on Supplies Reimbursement. Bill Woodson updated the board on the discussion within the Morro Bay Club on requesting financial assistance from the Unit, and advised that he would have more information at our next month's meeting.
 - C. Nominating Committee Update. Charles verified that the following current board members whose terms are expiring wish to run again for election: Pat Hallock, Doris Dunn, Bud Zeuschner, and Bill Woodson. He committed to contacting Torre Houlgate-West to verify her interest, as well.
5. New Business
 - A. New Pianola Membership. Bill Ringbom made a presentation on the Pianola bridge software package being evaluated by the SLO Bridge Club, and recommended it be considered Unit-wide. His handout included costs and he led a discussion of the program's many features, including partnership management, individual player assessment of declarer play and defense,

partnership success rate, opening lead effectiveness, as well as all of the information currently supplied by Jim Solomon's program. After considerable discussion the Unit board voted to begin a trial use of this program within Unit 540, funded by the Unit (after a no-cost three month initial period), and asked Bill Ringbom to meet with the managers of M.B. and 5 Cities to solicit their support. Fred Strong committed Paso Robles' support of the trial and Bill said SLO was ready to implement, as well.

- B. Update on the Mentoring Program. Leda Fields updated the board on the mentoring activities being undertaken within Unit 540, including 2 over 1 lessons, and expanded E-Z Bridge classes. The board discussed additional emphasis on Zero Tolerance it would like to see included in all classes, and asked Bill Ringbom and Leda to constitute an Ad-Hoc Committee to meet with instructors and report back to the board with their recommendations.
 - C. Fall Fling. Doris Dunn led a short discussion on a need for a Food Chair for our event this year. At the board's recommendation she will ask Barbara Weiss to take on this position.
 - D. Club Activity Reports. 5 Cities: Doris Dunn advised that the Thursday games should return from SLO to Pismo Beach by the first week in November and that the club's holiday party would be on December 11. Paso Robles: Fred Strong advised that the club would be holding elections for new officers shortly. Morro Bay: Bill Woodson advised that the club was considering a Wednesday afternoon game, but was concerned about its impact on SLO's Wednesday night's game; he will discuss further with Barbara Weiss. SLO: no further update.
6. Date/time of Next Meeting: Fred Strong advised he would be absent for our next meeting and asked that Bill Ringbom conduct it in his absence. It will be on November 14 at 11:30 AM.
7. Adjourn. Fred adjourned the meeting at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary